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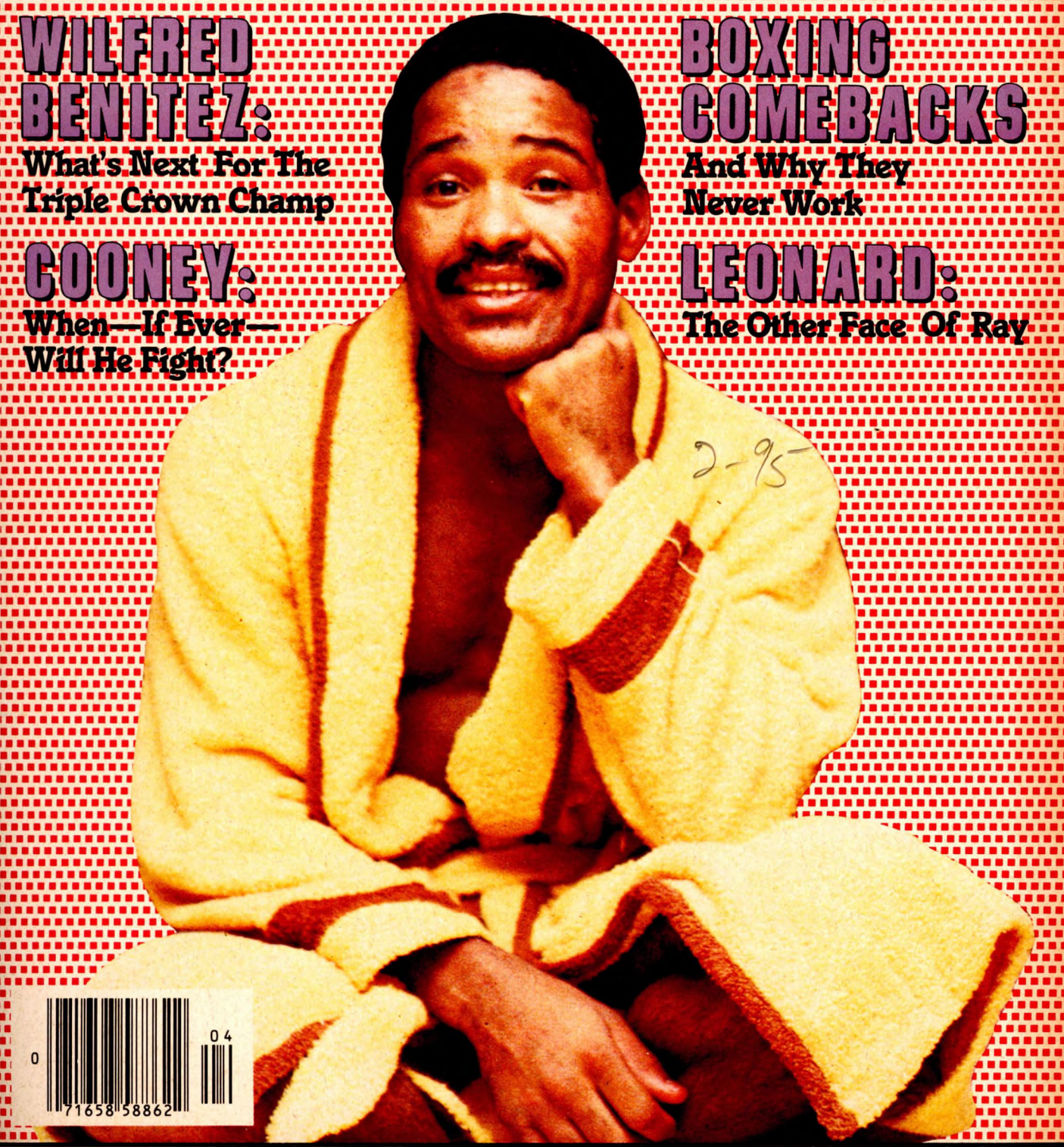

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WORLD JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION

**Born October 29, 1956, in Las Monjas, Puerto Rico . . . Represented Puerto Rico in the 1972 Olympics as a flyweight . . . Lost a decision in the second round of fights to Egypt's Mohamed Selim . . . Turned pro in November, 1974 with a six-round draw against Jacinto Fuentes . . . He then won 32 straight fights, all by knockout and earned his nickname "Bazooka." Included is a second round knockout of Fuentes . . . Of those 32 knockouts, only four went past the eighth round . . . At 20, became the youngest man to win the featherweight crown when he beat titleholder Dong-Hyun Yum in May, 1977 . . . His achievements in the division have made him legend in his native Puerto Rico . . . Among the more glamorous and prestigious pro boxing records he holds are: The highest knockout percentage of any champion (.941); most consecutive knockouts by any champion (32); most consecutive knockout victories in title fights (14); and most consecutive knockouts in defense of the title (13) . . . Height: 5′5″ . . . Hard puncher with both hands . . . Has mastered throwing a debilitating left hook to the side . . . A magnificent counterpuncher and defensive wizard . . . Has unique training methods, such as restricting his feet movement to shoulder width by tying rope around ankles . . . On August 8, 1981, made his long awaited move to featherweight division to challenge WBC Champ Salvador Sanchez in one of 1981's "Dream Matches." Billed as "The Battle of the Little Giants," Gomez was stopped in the eighth round and was floored twice in the fight. It was his first loss as a pro. Recently began new knockout string with second round knockout of Jose Gonzalez.**

**WILFREDO GOMEZ**
Born, October 29, 1956, Las Monjas, Puerto Rico.
Weight, 122-126 lbs. Height, 5 ft. 5 in.

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| | **1974** | | |
| Nov. | 16—Jacinto Fuentes, Panama City | D | 6 |
| Dec. | 21—Mario Hernandez, San Jose | KO | 1 |
| | **1975** | | |
| Feb. | 16—Jorge Bernal, Panama City | KO | 1 |
| Mar. | 2—Antonio DaSilva, Panama City | KO | 2 |
| May | 3—Jose Jimenez, Panama City | KO | 1 |
| June | 21—Jacinto Fuentes, Panama City | KO | 2 |
| Aug. | 2—Clotilde Garcia, Managua | KO | 2 |
| Sept. | 19—Joe Guevara, San Juan | KO | 6 |
| Dec. | 20—Andres Hernandez, San Juan | KO | 8 |
| | **1976** | | |
| Feb. | 20—Cornell Hall, San Juan | KO | 3 |
| Apr. | 5—Rick Quijano, San Juan | KO | 1 |
| May | 8—Sak Lempthong, San Juan | KO | 3 |
| July | 19—Albert Davila, San Juan | KO | 9 |
| Aug. | 16—Tony Rocha, San Juan | KO | 2 |
| Oct. | 11—Jose Murillo, San Juan | KO | 4 |
| | **1977** | | |
| Feb. | 12—John Meza, San Juan | KO | 2 |
| May | 21—Dong-Kyun Yum, San Juan (Won WBC Super Bantamweight Title) | KO | 12 |
| July | 11—Raul Tirado, San Juan (Retained WBC Super Bantamweight Title) | KO | 5 |
| | **1978** | | |
| Jan. | 19—Royal Kobayashi, Kitakyushu (Retained WBC Super Bantamweight Title) | KO | 3 |
| Apr. | 8—Juan A. Lopez, San Juan (Retained WBC Super Bantamweight Title) | KO | 7 |
| June | 2—Sakad Porntavee, Korat (Retained WBC Super Bantamweight Title) | KO | 3 |
| Sept. | 9—Leo Cruz, San Juan (Retained WBC Super Bantamweight Title) | KO | 13 |
| Oct. | 28—Carlos Zarate, San Juan (Retained WBC Super Bantamweight Title) | KO | 5 |
| | **1979** | | |
| Mar. | 9—Nestor (Baba) Jimenez, New York (Won Vacant World Junior Featherweight Title) | KO | 5 |
| May | 21—Nelson Cruz Tamariz, New York | KO | 2 |
| June | 16—Julio Hernandez, San Juan (Retained World Junior Featherweight Title) | KO | 5 |
| Sept. | 28—Carlos Mendoza, Las Vegas (Retained World Junior Featherweight Title) | KO | 10 |
| Oct. | 26—Nicky Perez, New York (Retained World Junior Featherweight Title) | KO | 5 |
| | **1980** | | |
| Feb. | 3—Ruben Valdez, Las Vegas (Retained World Junior Featherweight Title) | KO | 6 |
| Apr. | 27—Eddie Ndukwu, San Juan | KO | 4 |
| Aug. | 22—Derrik Holmes, Las Vegas (Retained World Junior Featherweight Title) | KO | 5 |
| Dec. | 13—Jose Cervantes, Miami (Retained World Junior Featherweight Title) | KO | 3 |
| | **1981** | | |
| June | 20—Raul Silva, San Juan | KO | 3 |
| Aug. | 21—Salvador Sanchez, Las Vegas (For World Featherweight Title) | KO by | 8 |
| | **1982** | | |
| Jan. | 10—Jose (Speedy) Gonzalez, San Juan | KO | 2 |
| Feb. | 20—Jose Luis Soto San Juan | KO | 2 |

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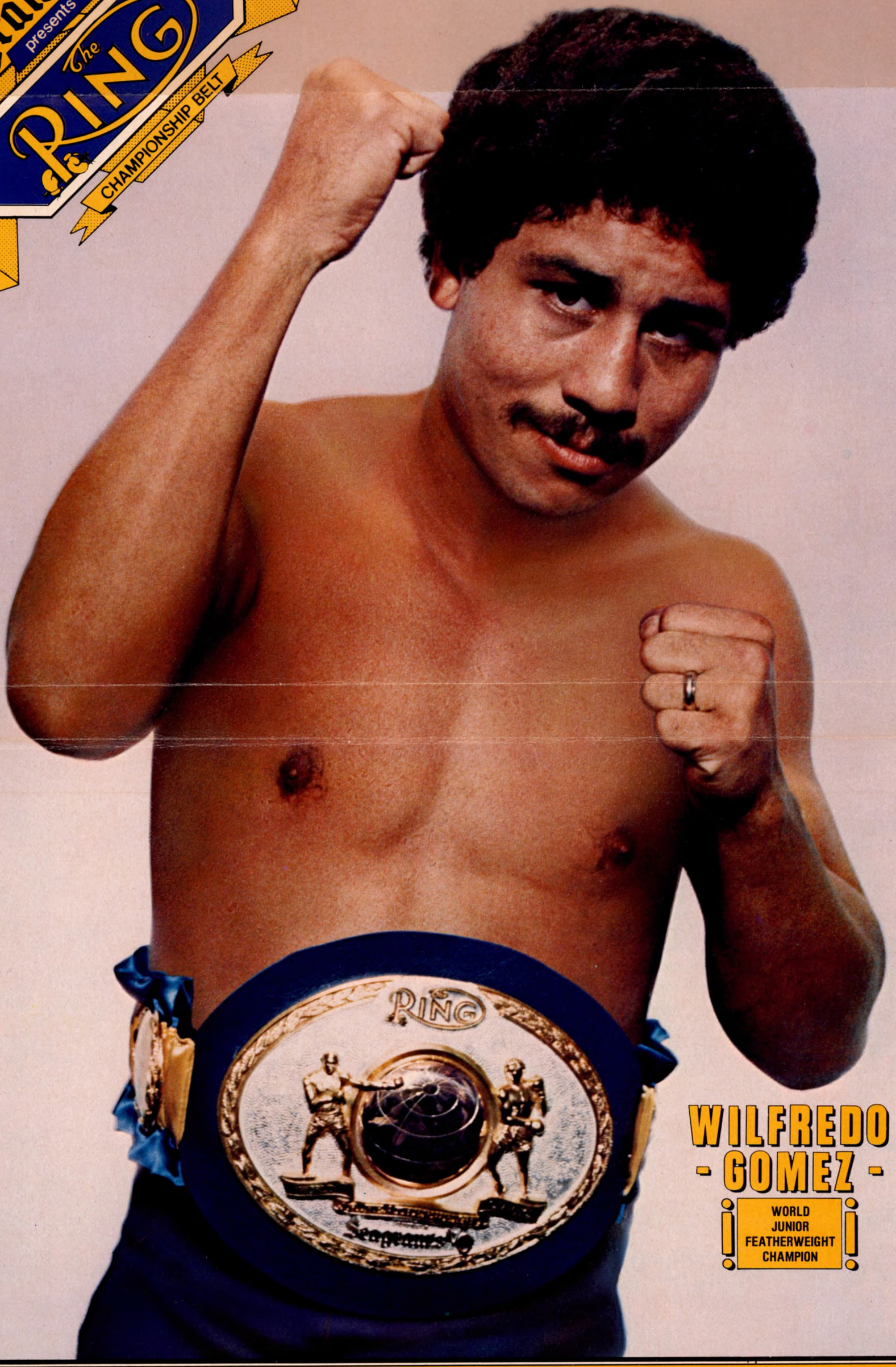


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## APRIL

**APRIL 5:** Jess Willard knocks out Jack Johnson in 26 rounds, longest heavyweight championship under Marquis of Queensberry Rules, 1915. Future **APRIL 7:** lightweight champ Benny Leonard born as Benjamin Leiner, 1896. **APRIL 17:** John C. Heenan and Tom Sayers' fight 42-round draw in boxing first great International Championship bout, 1860. **APRIL 22:** Jack Root defeats Kid McCoy in first light heavyweight title bout in history to become first champ, 1903.

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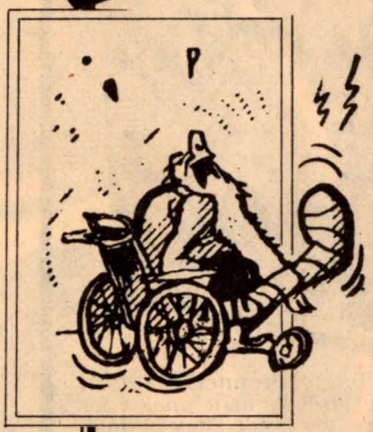

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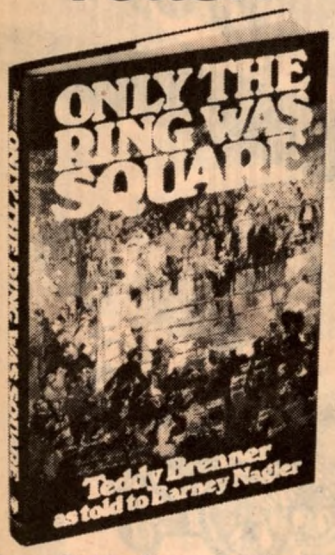


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# RINGSIDE

## TIME WAS when Jose Sulaiman, head of the WBC, would have the insufferable effrontry to posture and say, "Nobody ever bought me a cup of coffee," prompting one to ask, "But did anybody ever count the spoons?"

NOW SOMEBODY HAS; THE MEXICAN government, to be exact. The "spoons" being their archeological artifacts found in Sr. Sulaiman's factory in violation of the country's laws for preservation of Mexico's most precious treasures. Faced with this finding,—plus the additional charge, later dropped mysteriously, that he plotted to smuggle these artifacts out of the country, some $20 million worth—Sr. Sulaiman was quick, like everyone ever censured, with a retaliatory falsehood concering his motive. He was, he claimed, "conserving the pieces because I am enamored of my people, my culture and my ancestors." Obviously a natural instinct inherited from his equally public-minded ancestors, who dug postholes on Mount Calvary and called them civic improvements.

The man who stands accused of the removal of all the belongings of a people whose generous encouragement he has punished by plunder cannot help himself. After all, he hails from that wonderful world known as boxing, which has always been the land of rascals, the paradise of imposture and the turf of ill-mannered rogues. Here swindles are painted in more striking colors than in any other calling, with the systematic plunder of patrons the norm. But Sr. Sulaiman—his pockets loaded with dishonest gold swearing it is the fruit of his wholesome love for his country and his mere desire to preserve it—is adding a whole new dimension to cupidity.

Apparently not satisfied with the sanctioning fees for title fights—fees so high that a four-horse team and attached wagon are needed to haul away the coin—this "Raider of the Lost Artifacts" has now struck out for new heights. And, in so doing, put his fat forefinger into the fires of deceit right up to the second joint.

If he could but take his hand out of all manner of pockets long enough to hold it up and be sworn, we have no doubt that this sterling head of the WBC—who claims that in polling the 22 members of his executive council not one asked him to step down—Will attempt to stumble and sprawl through a bewildering succession of inanities, manufactured expressly to ensnare our bewildering feet and justify his actions. He has done this continually with the naive of boxing. Can he now do it to an entire country?

If he does, let Logic lock up her books, Morality be sentenced to the House of Detention and Truth drown at the bottom of her own well. And let boxing's infernal show proceed, with Jose Sulaiman leading the parade.

As for me, I nominate Attila the Hun for WBC president. At least he won't make devout protestations that nobody ever bought him a cup of coffee . . .

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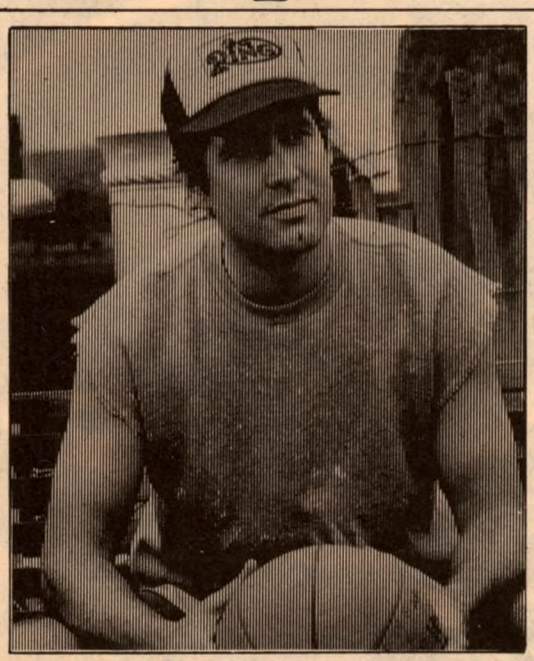

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# ROUND ONE

### *OH, HOW THE NON-MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN DEPT.*

TALK OF ABOUT HARD TIMES: THE WAA just sent two of its latest so-called "Ratings" to Ring—both arrived "Postage Due."

### *2 BIG WHEELS FIND IT TIME TO RE-TIRE.*

IN ONE OF THOSE REMARKABLE COincidences that somehow seem to dot boxing's landscape, Ken Buchanan, former Lightweight Champion officially retired from the ring the very same day the man who beat him for the lightweight title, Roberto Duran, unofficially retired after being beaten by Wilfred Bentiez.

The only other time in boxing history when two champions both retired on the same day happened some 27 years ago after former champions Beau Jack and Ike Williams fought each ohter. And, ironically, they were *both* former lightweight champions.

### *THE RIGHT TO FIGHT MOVEMENT*

THEY USED TO CALL THEM "THE fair sex." But that was in the days before the ERA, feminism and Jill Lafler.

Jill who?, you might ask. Well, Jill Lafler is a 19-year-old girl, going on a flyweight with one win—that a decision over a 14-year-old

boy—under her belt. Ms. Lafler chose to further her career by entering the Lansing (Mich.) Golden Gloves tourney, and commenced training with the men's boxing club at Lansing Community College, where she was enrolled.

However, try as she might, her plans to enter the tournament ran afoul on the rules of the National Golden Gloves, which prohibited women from boxing men in sanctioned bouts.

Undeterred, Ms. Lafler petitioned the Federal Courts, claiming discrimination, something that has been with boxing since the days of James Figg.

However, her plea fell on the deaf ears of Judge Wendell Miles who held that "It is unrealistic to believe women could enter the sport of boxing and operate under the same rules with no detrimental effects on their safety."

It was enough to deliver a knock out blow to the undefeated career of Jill Lafler, who retired only 48 wins short of Rocky Marciano's 49 straight victories.

### *ALL THE FITS THAT'S NEWS TO PRINT*

JOURNALISM HAS OFT BEEN CALLED the infinite capacity for making pain. First it was Janet Cooke, who parlayed her inability to distinguish fact from fiction into the Pulitzer Prize. And now it is the Milwaukee *Sentinel* which follows her grand and glorius tradition.

Last December 9th, the *Sentinel* blared out in headlines to rival the start of World War II, "Police arrest 4 Men in Riot at Boxing Match," and then went on, in an article bylined by Sue Boyden and Randy Clark, to state that "rock- and bottle-throwing fight fans rioted . . . (and were) demanding refunds . . . at least 10 squad cars and two police wagons were dispatched."

Score one for sensationalism, but not for journalism. For if the two "authors" of the so-called fight sport had actually been at the fight, they would have verified the fact, rather than relying on second-hand hearsay. And heresy.

The facts, according to one who was there, P.N. Ehrmann, were: "Like most of the 400 customers who witnessed the brief scuffle, I was astonished to find all those policemen pouring into the building. 'The crowd' didn't fight or throw anything. The only rocks involved in the incident were in the heads of those four, or five unruly fans who were involved in the scuffle. As for the alleged run on the box office for refunds, Milwaukee Boxing Club matchmaker Jack Cowans reports that there was not a single request for one! Nobody had reason to want one. It was a well-organized boxing program, marred only slightly by a handful of beery customers and the Milwaukee *Sentinel's* misleading story."

Thank you Mr. Ehrmann. Maybe next time you should cover the fight for the *Sentinel* instead of those two supposed correspondents

who followed Janet Cooke's lead with their own lead.

As Joe Humphreys, the venerable fight announcer of the '30s once was moved to say to a noisier-than-thou crowd, "I ain't gonna censor you, ladies and gentlemen. I ain't gonna abuse you. That is neither my purpose or my privilege. But this kind of thing don't help the game." Maybe this advise should be directed, instead, to the Milwaukee *Sentinel.* As for us, we will drop our subscription to their paper, feeling they neither know nor can report the sport accurately.

## *FOUL OF THE MONTH*

WHEN DON KING DECIDED TO showcase "Neon Leon" Spinks as the new slight hope of something called the Cruiserweight Division, he tried to make it for network TV. But Ferdie Pacheco, the programmer-turned announcer for NBC turned down all the suggested "live" opponents King came up with, explaining that the one with the electrified hair "offered me 14 cadavers from the morgue and a few people from the VA hospital who were dying anyway."

But Don King will stop at nothing to get what he wants; and what he wanted was for Leon to dominate Sr. Sulaiman's *facochta* new Cruiserweight division. He also wanted Leon to fight some nothing, and got him one in "Poison" Ivy Brown.

And so, on a night dedicated to Cruiersweights, with Leon fighting Brown and Sugar DeLeon fighting Marvin Camel for the WBC Cruiserweight title—Have you ever wondered why there have been exactly four Cruiserweight title fights and Marvin Camel has been in all four of them?—Don King introduced the world to somthing called the Don King Sports & Entertainment Network.

But all of this hardly qualifies for Foul of the Month, rather the bore-snore of the month. What really made Don King's first venture into cable TV a foul was his use of Bob Sheridan as the announcer. For Bob Sheridan hardly distinguished himself broadcasting the Benitez-Duran fight, telling everyone that he had placed a bet on Duran, and proceeding to flavor his remarks accordingly.

Sheridan's shill-a-minute style of broadcasting hardly suffered during the Cruiserweight Cruisedown, as he repeatedly used adjectives like "Great" and "Super" throughout the fight, continually referred to

Don King as "a genius" and hardly ever mentioned Spinks' opponent, who, at times, was catching the ever-vulnerable Spinks with right hands. Maybe he should have watched the fight closer than his money-clip. Then we could have heard what he really thought, if he can think at all' that is without being beset by favoritism or betting bias.

As a postscript to the fight, it is noteworthy to mention that the WBC's top ten Cruiserweights somehow omit the name Leon Spinks. Maybe they should write Bob Sheridan, care of Don King, for a recommendation. But don't, ever, write him for a fight report, he's too busy shilling.

## *BARTENDER'S TRIVIA CORNER*

WHAT BOXER FOUGHT 202 CONsecutive bouts without appearing in the same city for any two bouts in a row?

*Last Month's Bartender's Trivia Corner question:* What heavyweight champion was outweighted in every one of his 13 championship bouts?

*Answer:* Floyd Patterson, who weighed anywhere from 182 to 196¾ in a total of 13 world heavyweight title fights from 1956 to 1965. His opponents ranged from 187¾ (Archie Moore) to 215 (Sonny Liston in their second battle).

## *DOWN FOR THE COUNT*

O'GATTY, JIMMY, 80, January 30, 1982, Hollywood, Calif. Born James Anthony Agati on October 4, 1901, O'Gatty followed in the footsteps of his older brother, Packey, and boxed many exhibition bouts for servicemen in World War I. After the war, he turned pro and fought as a middleweight until 1926. Jimmy later became a bit player in the movies, often serving as a technical advisor when a film's subject was boxing.

WOODS, GENE, 53, February 13, 1982, Beaumont, Texas. Woods passed away while supervising the clean-up crew after the Arguello-Busceme card in Beaumont's Civic Center, of which he was executive director.

POODLES, JOE, SR., March 2, 1982. President of Ring 101 in Baltimore and possessor of one of the largest collections of fight pictures in the world.

JACKSON, TOMMY (HURRICANE), 50. Born in Hancock, Georgia on August 9, 1931, Jackson grew up in Far Rockaway, New York and entered the pro ring in Brooklyn in 1952. He fought Floyd Patterson twice, losing a 12-round decision to Floyd in Madison Square Garden on June 8, 1956 in an eliminator to decide Archie Moore's opponent for the vacant heavyweight title and was stopped in 10 in a July 29, 1957 title bout. Jackson retired in 1960, having fought a total of 44 bouts, winning 34, 16 by knockout.

## *PUNCHLINES*

JAKE LAMOTTA, on his career accomplishments: "You win some, you throw some."

One wag, on how Lynn Ball became NABF Heavyweight Champion: "He was the only one who knew what NABF stood for."

Sportswriter Stan Hochman, on how Gerry Cooney injured his shoulder: "He hurt himself reaching for an excuse."

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### *"HITMAN" TO BECOME A BIGGER HIT AS MIDDLEWEIGHT*

I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THOMAS Hearns will be a much better fighter than he already is when he moves up to the middleweight division and fights Marvin Hagler for the world middleweight title. The extra weight should not be a hindrance in any way at all. Thomas should be stronger, more powerful and be able to take a punch better. His extra weight will be anywhere from ten to thirteen pounds. And considering that the weight will be nothing more than natural for him, how could it not improve his performance?

I would never take anything away from Marvin Hagler. He is indeed a champion; and one of the best in boxing. There's no doubt that he can hit hard and take a punch. But I think that Thomas Hearns will have a better chance at winning the title from Marvin Hagler than any of the top middleweight today are of the same caliber as Hagler, including Mustafa Hamsho, who certainly was not ready for a title shot.

*ADALAIDE TYNDALE, PHILADELPHIA, PA*

### *HARD PRESSED TO DEFEND PRESS*

I READ WITH INTEREST YOUR INDICTment of the press for its lack of boxing coverage. I concur, but it's a hard thing to admit, being a newspaper person myself.

It seems most newspapers ignore the fights unless it is a "legitimate" news story, i.e. a Sugar Ray Leonard or heavyweight championship fight. I've been pushing for more coverage in the paper I work for, a 30,000 daily, and we run mostly title bouts. We are dependent upon the wire services for this news, and often the wires fail us. The major metropolitan newspapers, however, are not so dependent, and their lack of coverage is perplexing.

I suppose boxing has hurt itself in the eyes of the print media to some extent. The dual ranking system is confusing and waters down the importance of the title bout. But dual rankings are not the exclusive property of boxing—witness auto racing's CART and USAC organizations. And I suppose boxing has hurt itself with such scandals as the Fields-Smith Wells Fargo deal and the machinations of most promoters. But there are point-shavings and recruiting violations in other sports.

All of these things, in addition to the sad case of Muhammad Ali's comeback attempt, have contributed to the lack of interest expressed by the print media.

On the other side of the ledger, however, the television networks have devoted a lot of air time to the sport, rushing in where the newspapers have been afraid to tread. But I'm not sure which is worse: no print coverage or sensationalized television coverage.

The recent Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini debacle is a case in point. Mancini was in way over his head against Arguello, but the emotion of a son trying to avenge the wrongs perpertrated on his father was too much for CBS to ignore.

Brent Musburger, after the fight, asked another commentator if he thought "We had brought Mancini along too quickly." I took reference to "we" to mean the network, and raised an eyebrow at this frank admission. But Musberger later qualified his remark, saying something to the effect that his use of the first person plural pronoun didn't mean the network but rather "we, the people." Well, "we" know the truth of the matter. The network almost got somebody killed. Plain and simple.

*GARY MARX, DE SOTO, ILL.*

### *BOXING'S PEN PAL STRIKES AGAIN*

THIS IS JUST A NOTE TO MAKE A challenge for what I believe to be rightfully mine.

I still believe almost after 10 years that I am the Uncrowned Champ!

Now that Braxton is the champ, I believe—if he is not *too* scared—he should give me a 15-round non-title fight. I beat him before, and he got the decision. This time I'll knock him out.

Mike Spinks promised to fight me during the Kates match. According to boxing standards I am supposed to be an old man in my 30s. So what are they afraid of? Mike Spinks or Dwight Braxton should fight a non-title fight with me . . .

*JAMES (GREAT) SCOTT, RAHWAY, N.J.*

### *AN ALI-GORICAL TALE*

I WAS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT WAS going to happen to Muhammad Ali, so I went to the "Sometimes Amazing Mr. Waldo", a local area psychic. After I had crossed his palm with silver, Mr. Waldo warmed up his crystal ball and came out with the following amazing predictions: Mr. Ali's future is no longer in the ring; you don't need a crystal ball to tell that, ordinary eyes will do. Mr. Ali's future lies in politics. Mr. Ali's energy currents are just right for the political arena, he will win four terms to the House of Representatives, will win two terms to the Senate, and will be nominated to the vice-presidential slot for a major party. Oh, oh, Waldo's crystal ball has gone dead. Maybe dealing with Ali's karma has blown a fuse. Now we'll never know whether Ali will become vice president.

*RALPH PAULSON, BROCKTON, MASS.*

### *"RATING THE RING'S RATINGS"*

I WOULD LIKE TO MADE A COUPLE OF comments about *The Ring's* ratings:

1) They are obviously more accurate than the self-serving ratings of the WBA and WBC. If you want to be totally above board, however, I believe you should publish the names of the "boxing authorities" on the ratings page.

2) When there is an apparent inconsistency with a result and rating (as with Coetzee-Spinks) a few words of clarification would be appreciated. If you think it was a fluke, say so.

*STU REBEN, LYNBROOK, N.Y.*

*Ed. Note: By virtue of comparative records, a case could be made that Harry "Kid" Matthews was the "Greatest" heavyweight of all time. After all, he beat Ezzard Charles who beat Joe Louis. Head-to-head combat is but one determinant the 50 panelists have in mind when they vote for the "10 Best" in any division, along with overall ring records, activity and caliber of opponents.*

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Alexis took the matter in characteristic stride. He even went so far as to apologize if he "offended" anyone. The City of South Tucson promptly offered its gym to him where he completed his training for the Elizondo fight.

It was a great honor for us to have the great champion here and we hope he returns. We have a lot to offer, notwithstanding the unfortunate episode, which I am sure the police regret.

*ARIZONA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION*
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### *THREE FOULS AND YOU'RE OUT*

THE RECENT PEDROZA-LAPORTE fight raised a lot of questions about the rules that "fall within a referee's discretion". Pedroza threw perhaps thirty low blows, and half of them landed. At least ten seemed intentional, as they were nowhere near the belt line. Pedroza also elbowed and butted from the second round on.

Although the referee penalized Pedroza two points for his fouls, it was obvious that his tactics contributed to the win; LaPorte had nothing left after the ninth round.

In the Griffith-Fernandez fight in Las Vegas in 1962, Griffith retained the title after hitting Fernandez with a low punch. Fernandez was unable to continue, but Griffith was declared the winner on points because it was against the rules for a champion to lose on a foul. Griffith was ahead at the time, and the low blow seemed unintentional.

Clearly, intentional fouling must lead to disqualification or every championship fight may begin to resemble the "classics" involving Galento, Zivic, DeJohn, Chuvalo, Al "Bummy" Davis, and others.

*FRANK GANNON, TALLULAH FALLS, GA.*

### *BOXING'S HAMLET: GERRY COONEY*

GERRY COONEY IS A GENTLEMAN and a fine fighter, I have only one complaint about him. Why does he passively accept his disgraceful management? These days most young prospects are overprotected and spoon-fed. Cooney is the #1 contender and he still hasn't been weaned! Doesn't Gerry ever want to fight a top-ten heavyweight? Doesn't he want to fight more often?

Now that he is commanding large purses Jones and Rappaport have made his schedule a bit more leisurely: Cooney has fought three times in the last two years, a total of less than six rounds. You gotta wonder if he can keep this pace up. The tune-up—they ought to be ashamed to even cosider Joe Bugner as an opponent—has fallen through. Gerry's trainer Victor Valle had said it was "absolutely essential".

Larry Holmes defends his title frequently and with great excellence. He is a *fighter*, and a *champion*. Gerry Cooney is a commodity and a chronic trainee. I have to agree with the Easton Assassin, "if Cooney wasn't white..."

*STAN MACKEY, BROOKLYN, N.Y.*


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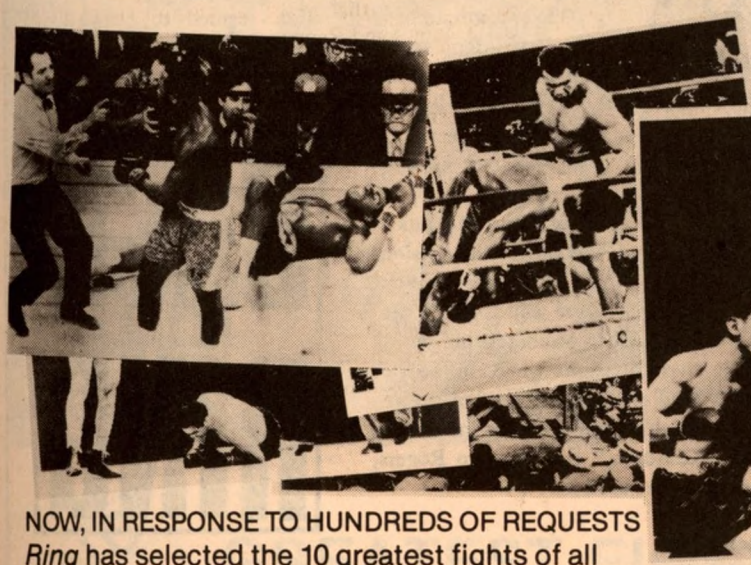

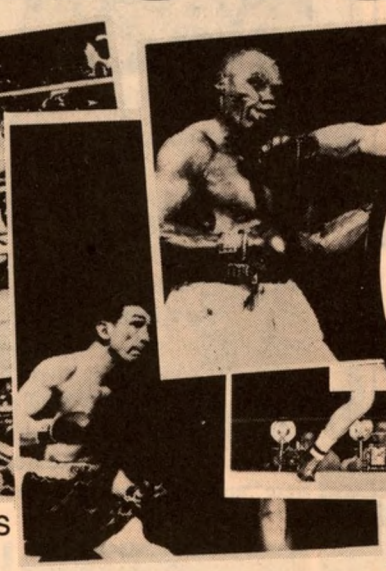

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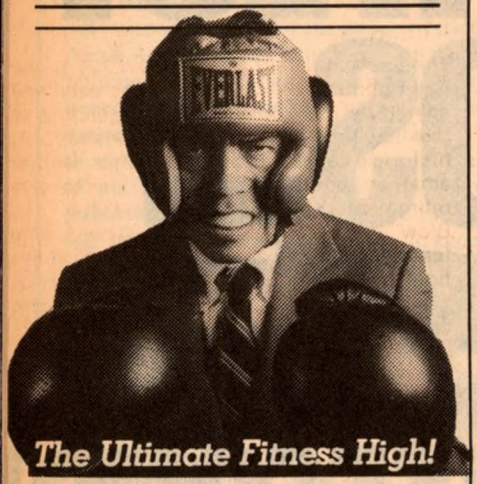


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## *30 YEARS AGO*

APRIL 1952: A RHUBARB EXISTED BETWEEN THE heavyweight champion, Jersey Joe Walcott, The International Boxing Club (I.B.C.) and the New York State Athletic Commission. The problem centered around Walcott's failure to give Ezzard Charles a rematch after Walcott had won the title from Charles back in July of 1951. Walcott, idle for a year, felt that it would be more lucrative to fight either Rocky Marciano or Harry Matthews. However, a contract that Walcott signed with the I.B.C. prohibited him from fighting anybody other than Charles.

One important consideration seemed to be that if Walcott did indeed fight Matthews, and lost, then the I.B.C. and New York would lose control of the heavyweight title—the I.B.C. having a "pact" with Charles, and an understanding with Marciano, his manager being the son of I.B.C.'s matchmaker Al Weil; but had no such agreement with Matthews.

Jersey Jones reported that the number of participants of Americans in the flyweight and bantamweight divisions decreased, while, at the same time, these two divisions were gaining popularity throughout the world. The writer could not understand why American promoters did not do more to stir interest in these divisions when the heavier division lacked talent. Madison Square Garden matchmaker Nat Rogers believed that the reason for the decline was due to evolution. "Children," according to Rogers, were "growing bigger than they used to."

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## 20 YEARS AGO

APRIL 1962: THE MAIN TOPIC THIS MONTH WAS whether heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson will defend his crown against the number one contender Sonny Liston or "risk" the title against lower-caliber fighters such as Peter Rademacher or Tom McNeeley. It was *The Ring's* belief that Patterson would defend his crown against the highly-regarded Liston sometime in June of that year. The only obstacle with making such a bout was Patterson's manager, Cus D'Amato, who did not favor such a match. However, as *The Ring* Detective, Dan Daniel, reported, D'Amato's influence with Patterson was declining.

## *15 YEARS AGO*

APRIL 1967: MUHAMMED ALI REGAINED PART OF this "lost" heavyweight crown with an easy 15-round decision over WBA king Ernie Terrell. The only criticism of Ali's performance was his failure to put away his outclassed opponent. A postscript to the article noted that there were no serious contenders for Ali's crown, with the possible exception of the 1964 Olympic Champ, Joe Frazier, who was suggested as a possible future opponent for Ali.

At this point in time, most of Ali's troubles were outside the ring, not inside. Ali's refusal to join the United States Army had caused much controversy. Because of Ali's action, *The Ring* refused to nominate him "Fighter of the Year" for 1966 even though he was the logical choice.

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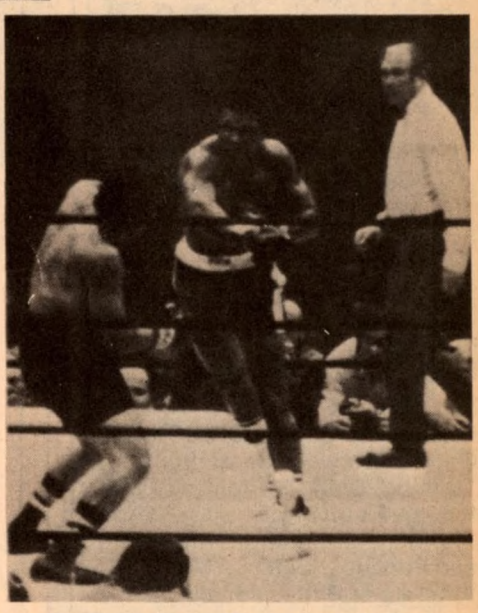

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Artie Dorrell, former welterweight from Tyler, Texas, who was a hard-hitting good fighter and also a stablemate of Henry Armstrong, was killed in a house fire several years ago. Artie boxed from 1939 to 1946, won his first 30 bouts and was remembered for his pleasing bouts with fighters like Tony Ferrera, Vinnie Rossano, Vic Dellicurti, Pete De Ruzza, Herbie Kronowitz, Joey Agosta and many others in the New York City area. Dorrell also fought Fritzie Zivic, Nick Moran and Baby Yucatan amongst others. In a career of 53 bouts, Artie was the victor in 44 of them. Rest in peace—Artie Dorrell . . .

The new officers of Ring 8 for 1982-83 are: President, Johnny Colan; New York 1st. Vice President, Jerry Grieff; 2nd. Vice President Ray Kozak; Treasurer, Al Reid; Recording Sec'y, Abe Berman; Financial Sec'y, Julien N. Mayer; Sergeant at Arms, Eddie Blunt; Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors, Charles Gellman; Welfare Committee, Mickey Katz, Chairman; and Boxers Advisory Committee, Ray Arcel, Chairman . . . Phil Rutha, past president of Ring 8, has fully recovered from his slight indisposition and returned to the fold . . .

Ring 8 honored the following men at its annual dinner at the Holiday Inn on West 57th St. New York City, in March: Luis Rios, New York State Athletic Commissioner; Arthur Mercante, Boxing Referee; and Edward Villella, Former Principal Dancer, New York City Ballet, who was at one time (in his college days) the school's welterweight boxing champion. They also honored three others for their contributions to boxing: Cyril Joseph, great featherweight of the thirties, who also was known as Young Canada Lee; Joe Baker, who fought Sid Terris in the lightweight division; and Petey Burns, former featherweight contender of note . . .

Two phonies are going around portraying those two former great heavyweights Jimmy Bivins and the late Johnny Risko both from Cleveland, Ohio. The Jimmy Bivins who lives in Rosedale, N.Y., and claims that he is the former #1 heavyweight and light heavyweight contender of the 40s and 50s, is practicing a scam. The *real* Jimmy Bivins still lives in Cleveland and he has since the early 1920s, is retired and has never lived in New York. As recently as August 9, 1981, he was one of the judges on the Roberto Duran—Nino Gonzales card, held in Cleveland. The other phoney claiming to be Risko lives in the Atlantic City area and goes around bars picking fights and telling everyone he is The Former Great . . . He speaks of his bouts with Sharkey and Schmeling, has a tattoo on his arm that reads "Johnny Risko," is in his 70s and has a cauliflower ear. The real Johnny Risko died some 30 years ago in Miami, Florida. Boxing fans, be careful of these phonies! Don't lend them money or anything! It is a shame former greats have to be portrayed by phonies and liars. But then, I guess that is something that will go on forever and, in fact, is going on in New York with some faker holding himself out to be Alex Ramos. Watch out for these men . . .

The International Veteran Boxers Association, Ladies Auxiliary, will host their eighth annual dinner-dance on Saturday April 17, 1982, at Biase's Restaurant in Newark, N.J. The honorees for this dinner will be: Paul Venti, New Jersey boxing referee, Johnny

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Johnny Hutchinson—Ex-leading lightweight from Phillie in the '30s and '40s, who met and beat boys like Sammy Angott, Mickey Miller, Tod Morgan, Vernon Cormier, Al Gilette, Frankie Terranova, Bobby Ruffin, Carl Dell and Dencio Cabanella, and also fought Baby Arizmendi, Ike Williams and Beau Jack among others. Hutchinson, a veteran of many fights in this country and abroad, was managed by Phil Glassman and trained by Joe Gramby, retired in the mid-forties and now savors his memories of the old days in and around Philadelphia, where he still makes his home.

Freddie Archer—former good light and welterweight from Newark, N.J., who fought in the 1940s and was considered one of the toughest fighters of his era, defeating men like Ike Williams, Beau Jack, twice, Terry Young, Fritzie Zivic, twice, Bobby Ruffin, Chester Rico, Norman Rubio, Cleo Shans, Tommy Roman, Tony Rirrio, Joey Peralta, Ralph Zannelli and many others. He also fought Tippy Larkin and Marty Servo. After his retirement as a fighter, Freddie was active with the Iron Workers in New Jersey. Today, Freddie is a member of the Hazlet, N.J. Boxing Club, where he trains amateur fighters, and is a newly-inducted member of the N.J. Boxing Hall of Fame . . .

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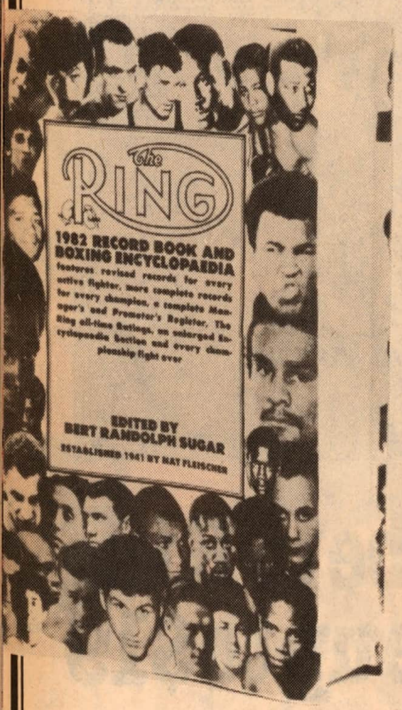


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Q The February issue of *International Boxing* posed this question in its monthly quiz: "Ike Williams fought his last two bouts (a draw and decision loss) against one of the greatest lightweights of all time. Who was he?" Correct me if I'm wrong, but I thought Williams' final bout was in 1955, when he concluded a great career with a knockout win over Beau Jack. So, who's right, me or one of *The Ring's* inferior competitors?

*—JOHN STRICKLAND*

A *You (and* Ring*). Williams' last fight was a ninth round kayo over Jack on August 12, 1955.*

Q Did any of the following four fighters face each other: Jimmy Braddock, Tony Galento, Jimmy Bivins, Billy Conn? Also, where would one find Sammy Angott living today?

*—JAMES C. MEGONIGAL*

A *No. One wouldn't, Angott died in Cleveland on October 22, 1980.*

Q According to *The Ring Record Book*, William H. Rothwell was "Young Corbett II" and Ralph Capabianca Giordano was "Young Corbett III." Who was the first Young Corbett?

*—CLAUDE SPARKLER*

A *George Green, turn-of-the-century middleweight.*

Q What are the "Continental American" titles I've seen referred to in "Rings Around The World?"

*—HOMER LOWE*

A *Winning a "Continental American" title means winning the championship of North, South, and Central America, plus the Caribbean (i.e., the entire Western Hemisphere). These titles were created by the Continental American Boxing Federation, yet another of the title-sanctioning bodies that have come along in recent years.*

Q Who was *The Ring's* Fighter of the Decade for the 1970s?

*—KEN HARRIS*

A *While there may be some who feel that it might have been Ike Fluellen, the new editors selected Muhammad Ali in their March, 1980 issue.*

Q Has any world title bout been held in which the weight limit was set *higher* than it is for the same weight division today?

*—AL SCHNECKENBERGER*

A *Yes. Young Corbett II defended his claim to the world featherweight title against Jimmy Britt in San Francisco on March 25, 1904 with the weight set at 130 pounds. Britt won by a close decision and claimed the title.*

Q Who was the greatest referee of all time?

*—MAX ZUINDA*

A *It's really a matter of opinion. Arthur Donovan, George Siler, Ruby Goldstein, Arthur Mercante, Billy Roche, and Gunboat Smith must certainly be mentioned in any such list.*

Q Who have been the greatest all-time fighters among those who never won world titles?

*—JACOB KUNTZ*

A *Again, opinion forms a large part of the answer. Sam Langford usually gets the accolade as the greatest, although Sam claimed the world light heavy crown. A listing of uncrowned greats, would have to include Billy Graham, Tommy Gibbons, Mike Gibbons, Jimmy Bivins, Charley Burley, Dave Shade, Joe Jeannette, Sam McVea, Joe Medel, Lew Tendler, Jem Driscoll, Owen Moran, Kid Norfolk, Harry Wills, Georgie Abrams, Packy McFarland, Tiger Jack Fox, Jeff Clarke, George Godfrey, Lloyd Marshall, Charley White, Billy Petrolle, Elky Clark, Frankie Mason, and Johnny Rosner.*

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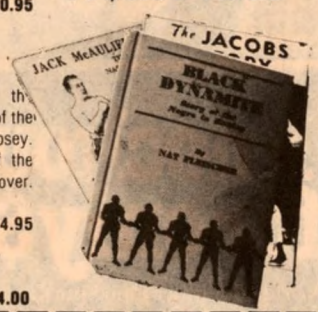

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HE'S BEEN fighting for most of his boyhood and adolescent life, so much so that puberty came his way and Wilfred Benitez didn't even notice it. For the sake of his vocation's continuity, the Puerto Rican marvel could not afford any distraction. He fought and acquired victory after victory and those who search beyond the punches, wounds and blood of prizefighters were convinced that Benitez was a fighter who had matured—but only pugilistically; that his life outside the ring reflected the conduct and behavior of a child. Inside the ring, his dialogues are those of a genius in total control of body language, unlike anyone in the business. He anticipates punches as if he had a highly sophisticated radar hidden somewhere in his soul. He moves and punches with the confidence of a seasoned master incapable of making one single mistake. His performances are overwhelming!

# WHAT'S NEXT FOR BENITEZ?

## IS IT TOO MUCH TO IMAGINE THAT THIS THREE-TIME CHAMP CAN BECOME BOXING FIRST FOUR-TIME CHAMPION?

BY JOSE TORRES

BUT THEN YOU GET HIM OUTSIDE THE ring and his nothingness underwhelms you. It becomes quite difficult for him to formulate an intelligent conversation. Is he a head case trying desperately to tell us he loves the idea of having this double personality which shrinks call schizophrenia? Is he maneuvering us into a well-conceived game that he had created to screw all of us who love to dig beyond the physical strength that drives boxers? Or, perhaps, isn't Wilfred saying, "Who says that I must delude the forces that provide me with fame, attention, adulation and money?"

These are questions whose answers we must ponder as we look into the future of a young man who may soon become the first pug in boxing history to claim four different divisional championships. And he's only 23! Perhaps to find answers we have to look at Benitez' most recent fights. For the word around boxing circles is that his conduct outside the ring no longer seems weird or orthodox, to be sure. "The kid," said a boxing fan who always admired Wilfred as a fighter but had doubts about his actions outside the ring, "is changing. At last he's growing up. He fights and acts like an adult."

The truth is that when he was stopped by Sugar Ray Leonard in November, 1979, in 15 rounds, Wilfred reacted like he was relieved of an excruciating pain that came from somewhere deep in his psyche. The fight was so close that it would have caused controversy if it had gone the distance, no matter who would've gotten the nod. But with only six seconds to go, the referee stepped in between the contestants, declaring Leonard the winner by TKO. The only thing we got from Wilfred was a smile of comfort as he rushed toward Leonard to congratulate him. It was a moment of sadness and confusion for the many Latino fans who saw their idol accept defeat with the complacency of a man finally put out of his misery.

But Benitez assauged his followers' angry thoughts when he scored three consecutive victories over a few unknowns before inducing junior middleweight king Maurice Hope to fall to the canvas as a result of a devastating right cross which landed flush on Hope's mandible and caused his intellect to cease functioning for almost an entire minute. After this match there were some changes in Wilfred that suggested some maturity. But they were hard to prove. It was not until he fought his countryman Carlos Santos in an obligatory match demanded by the rules and regulations of the WBC, that Benitez fought with the calm and confidence of a consummate fighter. After the fight, he was to speak like an old pro, at one point walking towards Santos and saying, "No matter what people say, you fought a very good fight. This fight was the toughest I've had in a long time." There was no arrogance in his words.

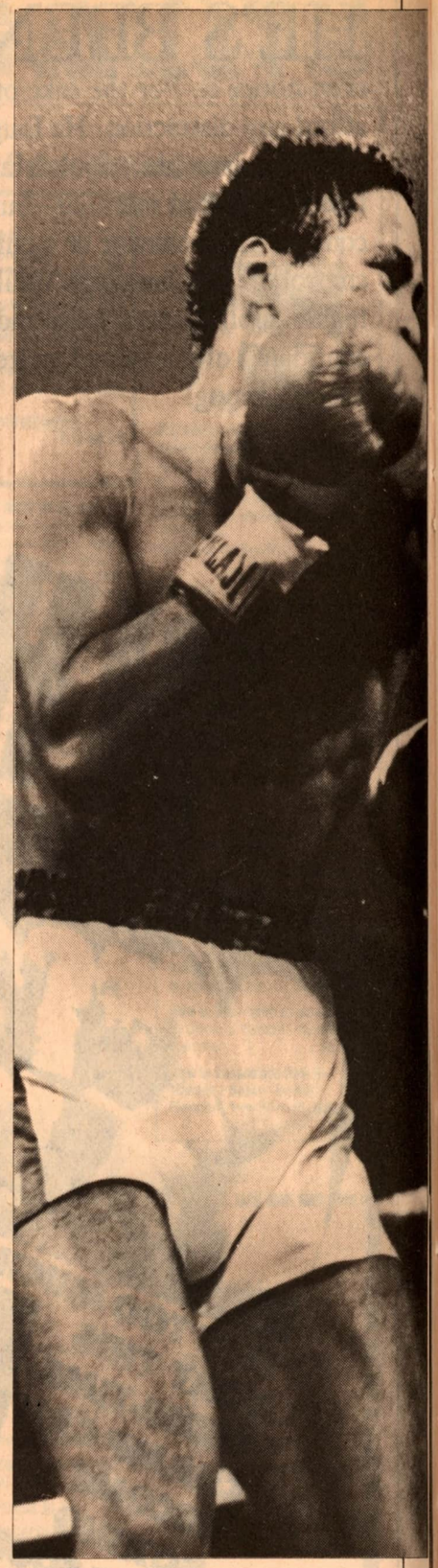
By the time of the Benitez-Duran fight, Wilfred's behavior outside the ring had radically changed. Not once, as was his habit, did he ignore the chores of his profession. For this fight he developed the discipline that separates champions from ordinary fighters. He was a dedicated fighter committed to being in the best condition of his life—fit like all champions should be. This, in turn, improved the love-hate relationship with his father-trainer, Gregorio. By the time of the fight it was not difficult to predict the outcome. "If I lose this one," Benitez confided to manager Jim Jacobs, "I would not be able to come back home to my country. I have to win this one." And he put his entire being—body and soul—into the hands of his father. "He can't lose," Gregorio told me just days before the Duran fight. "My son has never trained so hard and consistently in his whole life."

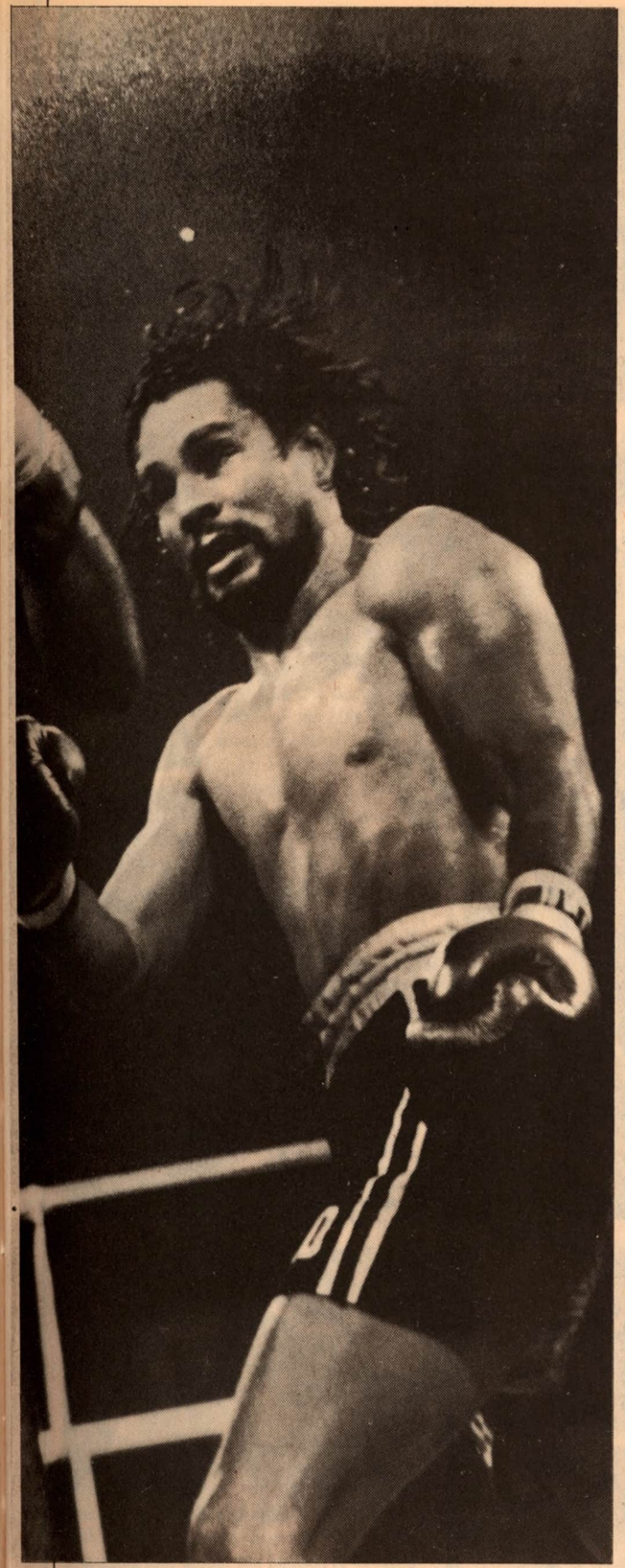
Again, there was a change in Wilfred's personality, one I choose to call character-improvement. He probably only did enough to gain victory over Duran, choosing to refrain from going all out for reasons only he knows. But there were qualities Wilfred displayed in this match that only a conscious quest for perfection could produce. The voice that every champion hears screaming from his inner soul only whispered accurate instructions at Wilfred during his match against Duran. His control was absolute!

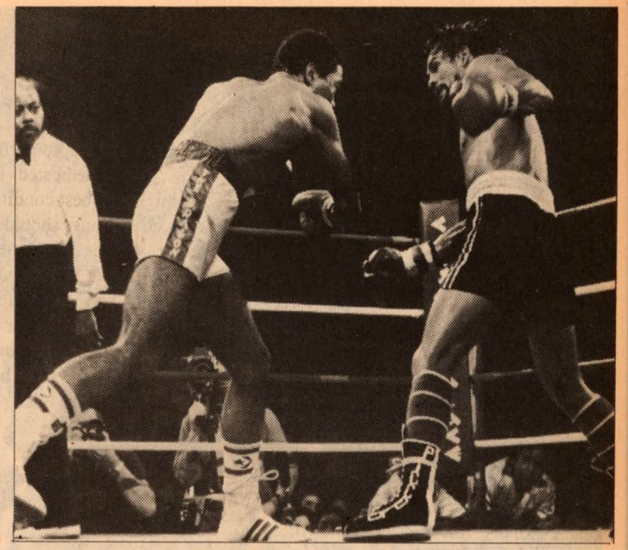
Wilfred made his professional debut as a junior lightweight, won the junior welterweight crown at age 17, the youngest ever, obtained the welterweight crown at 20, and captured the junior middleweight crown at 21—obviously a pattern of physical growth. To many, Wilfred looks as if his chest and shoulders have expanded right on television. To say the least, Wilfred has given the illusion to more than a few of being taller, smarter and better than he was just a couple of years ago.

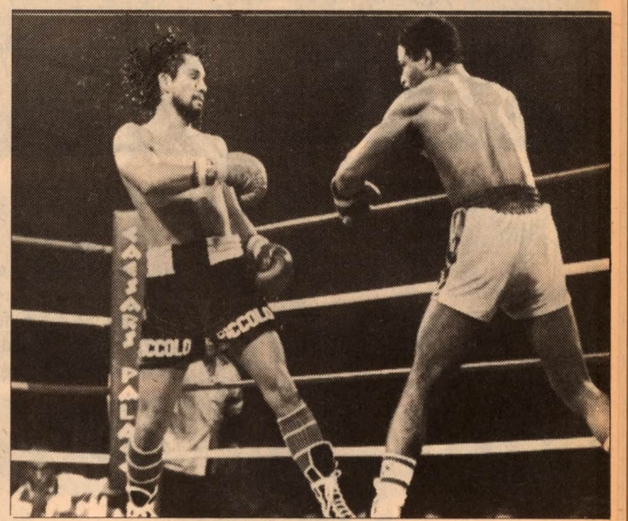
The last time I saw him, Wilfred acted much younger than his 23 years on this earth. It surely intrigues me to see Wilfred the human being behaving like a child when I had just seen him on TV disposing of Hope, a *world champion,* as if Benitez was an astute old man hustling the few pennies and toys of a child.

It brought to mind manager Jacobs, who is a most proper and organized man. One can only imagine what he must go through in order to maintain order in the house. After all, Wilfred, as well as his father, are not the easiest people in the world to deal with. "My job with Wilfred," says Jacobs, "is to provide him the most money under the safest environment." In other words, getting him the easiest possible opponents for the most possible money. Today's Benitez and the positive image he's beginning to project









*Wilfred manhandles Roberto Duran; (Overleaf) Wilfred finally gets close enough to handle Carlos Santos.*

throughout the boxing community has, to a large extent, been manufactured by Jacobs' ability to deal with the media.

However, Jacobs' contributions to Benitez' success go largely unappreciated by Papa Gregorio, who, by the way, possesses a tremendous influence over his son. "Once our contract with Jacobs runs out and that will be in 1982," he told me—this despite the fact the contract does not end 'til September, 1984—"we are going to get rid of him. We won't need him anymore." Gregorio, who is a very good trainer and has been a positive force in his son's career, claims that Jacobs' job has been quite easy. "We really didn't need him to be where we are," he boasts.

When Gregorio makes threats no one tends to ignore them. The other day he told me that Emile Griffith, who had trained Wilfred for most of his important fights during the last several years, was never needed in his camp. "I'm going to get rid of him," Gregorio told me. And, sure enough, for Wilfred's next fight, Griffith was conspicuous by his absence.

The goal Gregorio has set for his son has to do with history. "I want Marvin Hagler," says the father-trainer. "I want my son to win four different championships. No one," says the proud father, "will ever be able to do that." When asked about a possible rematch with Leonard—avenging his only defeat—Gregorio is moved to blurt out, "The hell with him. Leonard is the darling of the American people; my son is now the darling of the Latino people. If we make more or as much money as him, then we are interested. Otherwise, give me Hagler."

Perhaps a victory over Hagler could put Benitez back in the same position he once enjoyed against Sugar Ray Leonard. In the first match Wilfred became the only opponent on Leonard's long laundry list of opponents to make more—$1.2 to $1 million—then the Welter and WBA Junior Middleweight king.

These days Wilfred Benitez, together with Alexis Arguello and Salvadore Sanchez, are monopolizing the attention of Latino fans throughout the world. Duran has been displaced without much effort. Unlike heavyweight champ Larry Holmes, who seems to be forever destined to remain in the shadow of Muhammad Ali, Wilfred Benitez, the heaviest of the three Latino super-champions, appears to be sitting on a well-deserved throne. And one hopes that it's true, that he has grown up at least sufficiently to recognize who and what played major roles in his successful career.

Otherwise, the fame and prestige which comes so soon with championships earned with sweat, struggle and blood, becomes nothing but forgotten history. And that's something that should not happen to Wilfred Benitez.

# WHEN "MAGNIFICENT" MEETS "MARVE LOUS"

**BY JOSE TORRES**

**FIFTH ROUND.** Hagler is still giving Benitez trouble with a relentless charge that, combined with the southpaw stance, produces an awkward puzzle for the Puerto Rican marvel. I learned early in my career that left-handed boxers were not necessarily difficult, unless they were good fighters. And here we are witnessing the truth of my theory.

FOR FOUR ROUNDS WILFRED HAS BEEN TRYING TO connect with clean shots to Marvin's deceptively "open" target. And not only is Benitez missing most of them, but he's looking awful in the effort.

Now is no different. Hagler is superbly fit, a condition the world's middleweight champion loves. And Wilfred, although looking somewhat confused, seems to be in as superb a condition as well, despite his reputation for playing around.

A right jab followed by an over-hand left and a right hook by Hagler connect with blocking gloves and air. A left jab by Wilfred lands on Hagler's forehead. There is no reaction in the faces of both fighters, but Hagler's continous pressure on Benitez should, in the following rounds, begin to bother Benitez. It's not easy to have a German Shepperd on your behind and no matter what you do, he's there ready to bite the moment you make one mistake. And nobody is perfect. Not even Benitez.

The bell ending round five finds both contestants in the middle of the ring respecting each other too much.

It is round 8 now and for the first time we see a change of pattern in the fight. Rounds 6 and 7 were very similar to round 5, and round 5 was a carbon copy of the first 4 rounds. For some, the fight has been an interesting; but for others it has been boring, lacking fire. Not enough punches have landed. But now, Wilfred is getting himself against the ropes calling Hagler and the champ is not refusing the invitation.

A right hook and a left uppercut combination by Marvin find flesh and Benitez responds with a flurry of his own. There is another exchange and it's Benitez who grabs as Marvin tries to get loose. Marvin pulls desperately, his hands locked firmly under both Benitez' arm pits. Benitez smiles at Marvin's failure to do so. The referee now does it for Hagler, who comes right back in at Wilfred, who, in turn, receives the champ with a one-two combination, then a delayed left hook right cross that looks amazingly spectacular. The impacts produces no change in the attitude or style of Hagler, however.

Round 9 forces the crowd to remain standing for most if it, and now the tenth begins like an extension of the past round. Benitez travels to a corner and Marvin follows approvingly. An exchange of wicked punches ensue. Marvin is getting outhit at a rate of 3-to-2, but his punches carry more power, and Wilfred is not happy. If Marvin detects this, the fight could turn for the worst for the challenger. For Marvin has kept a sustained and consistent pattern all through the fight with no intention of changing. But, who am I to know what Benitez's complex mind may do in the remaining 5 rounds, if the fight does go the limit.

In the ring, Benitez throws a vicious left hook that catches Hagler flush on the jaw buckling his knees. But Hagler comes right back with lefts and rights that force Wilfred into a shell . . . Now Hagler opens up with body punches and Wilfred blocks most of them and comes back with another left hook to the champ's head . . . And so it goes on . . . and on and on . . .

"It's postponed again, Larry

– now the gout's got 'im."

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# GERRY COONEY: When - If Ever - Will He Fight?

BY MIKE MARLEY



**GERRY COONEY** who is said to have a weak back, had to push his long-awaited showdown with WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes back 12 weeks. And, when the date of the Caesars Palace bout was changed from March 15 to June 11, there were those among boxing's legions whose natural skepticism rose to higher levels.

It was easy to tell who the Doubting Thomases were. They were the guys who were humming "The Twelfth Of Never" whenever they saw Cooney, trainer Victor Valle or the top-rated challenger's notorious co-managers, Dennis Rappaport (Wacko No. 1) and Mike Jones (Wacko No. 2), in public. And those who work in Glass Offices (co-promoter Sam of Tiffany Promotions) found verbal stones being cast in their direction.

PERHAPS, IN ANY OTHER BUSINESS, Cooney's injury (a pulled muscle in the left shoulder, the source of his most devastating punch) would have been taken at face value. It seems absurd that Cooney And Company would want to delay the biggest one-shot financial score in ring history. And, if Cooney's shoulder and back should never fully recover, all the more reason to take the money and crawl. But, remember, in boxing the Virgin Mary would be asked to take a lie detector test.

The basic belief of most boxing types is that—as was eventually found to be the case with Harold Rossfields Smith, that creative cartographer, (that little ole MAPSmaker)—if it is too good to be true, then it isn't either good or true.

Will Cooney swoon in June, a rite of summer usually performed by the San Francisco Giants? If the fight could be delayed again, Holmes would just be nudged closer to his 33rd birthday.

And, although Cooney irritates Holmes more with each passing day, All Of the King's Men have to admit it's not as though there is another attractive ($40-50 million worth) opponent around. Sure, Larry could fill up his dance card with names. But among the flotsam and jetsam to be found were a recycled Jimmy Young, a nonentity like Larry Frazier and the cement-chinned Randy (Tex) Cobb. Cobb is sort of a Tony Galento reincarnate with a Texas twang and a training diet of beer and chili, instead of beer and pimento. Cobb is strictly a nacho.

Further complicating Holmes' dating game is the fact that Michael Dokes—who floats like a butterfly but has yet to conclusively prove he can sting like more than a moth—is his stablemate in the ever-expanding Kingdom of their promoter. Greg Page, who some figure is the most talented heavyweight in captivity, is just that, a captive of the courts. Butch Lewis, Page's erstwhile lawyer, had his low-key but sometimes lethal lawyer, Milton Chwasky, spring into action when he disovered that Page and his mouthpiece, Bruce Miller, were enticed into the King camp. So those ties that bind him could keep Page from turning from contender into champion for months.

As for WBA champ Mike Weaver, he has problems which Dear Abby and Ann Landers combined would have trouble solving. But the Avis to Holmes' Hertz recently made a TV appearance. Instead of wearing gloves, though he had his dancing shoes on for "Soul Train." Meanwhile, his manager, Don Manuel, wasn't talking about wardrobes when he said that he and the fighter were trying on new suits. Weaver, whom Ken Norton nicknamed "Hercules," was attempting to break free of the manager who rescued him from total obscurity and advanced him to semi-obscurity.

What a tangled web the Weaver situation weaves was underlined by the complaints of his trainers, Ray Barnes and Johnny Tocco, that they were still looking for their pay from his defense last October against James(Sprint) Tillis, the Oklahoman who would Sooner run than fight.

Ah, the Big Guys! With the heavyweight division in its usual disarray and showing all the stability of, say, El Salvador, there is a scenario which could become reality in the next few months. In boxing, only the unknowing completely reject the unbelievable.

Here's how the countdown to "The Pride And The Glory," King's typically overwrought promotional motto for this bout, will unfold:

Feb. 25: Sam Glass proclaims to the world that the June 11 date is "99 per cent certain."

Feb. 26: Don King says, "June 11 or Bust! That date is firm, the date is committed."

Feb. 28: Cooney and Valle assure a Miami press conference crowd that the boxer's shoulder is getting better. Standing in the back of the group can be seen Chris Dundee winking.

March 1: Holmes wants Randy Cobb for his April tune-up bout. If Holmes has interim bout, it'll be his second for Cooney showdown. Somewhere Renaldo Snipes is crying.

March 5: Cobb, who had his left forearm broken in a street brawl in Decmeber, is pronounced fit to fight the champ in April. A delighted King announces the possible sites for the fight as Jakarta, Dubai, Juarez and Las Vegas. The Orbit Inn in Las Vegas denied that it has bought the site rights.

March 6: Philadelphia's J. Russell Peltz, the man with the tearful voice, tosses a monkey wrench into the Holmes-Cobb plans. It seems he has signed contract for Cobb to face someone named Jeff Shelburg. Shelburg's record includes a win in Greeley, Colo., that great fight town, over the underrated Fred Muhammad. Fred Muhammad, of course, changed his name. He used to be known as Moe Mosquewitz. But, wisely, Moe-Fred noticed that there are more Muslims in the ratings than there are Jewish fighters. Moe-Fred or, Fred-Moe, if you prefer, is trained by that great ersatz Jewish heavyweight of the '60's, Ski Goldstein.

March 8: Peltz suddenly becomes a co-promoter of Holmes-Cobb, which will

take place April 10 in a South Philly hoagie shop. At a hastily-called press conference there, Holmes mistakenly keeps referring to his next opponent as "Ty." "Ain't gonna be no tie," the witty Cobb retorts. "I'm only gonna win or lose this fight."

March 15: Closed-circuit coordinator Lou Falcigno announces that Colonel Moamar Q'aadaffi, that Libyan lightweight, has purchased rights to show Holmes-Cooney in Tripoli. Air rights, Falcigno said, were taken by the U.S. Air Force.

March 16: Robert Vesco is granted closed-circuit rights in the Caribbean. Working with him on the show will be James Cornelius, who came close to having an underwater mailman after King was assaulted in a Bahamas hotel room before the Ali-Berbick bout. "Corny is a great guy, a major dude," King says by way of explanation of their alliance. "He likes to say, 'Beat them and then join them.'"

March 22: Cobb is injured in training and pulls out of title shot. "He was working the heavy bag," trainer George Benton explains, "when three cases of Lone Star beer exploded. His feelings were badly bruised."

March 23: Holmes, shocked by his latest setback, tells reporters from Easton, Pa., that he will never give another Texan a title shot. "The way these white guys keep getting hurt," Holmes says, "I might wind up back at the Jet Car Wash. My cash flow is getting slow."

March 30: Cooney wants to demonstrate that his shoulder is 100 percent, so, for benefit of press and photographers, he carries a load of bronzed bagels from his Concord training camp over to Kutsher's. "Bet all your money on me for June 11," Cooney says. "I don't care if the Vegas bookies do have Holmes a 9-5 favorite. You saw the bagels. I'm what the gamblers call a lox."

April 1: Don King says that Roberto Duran and Neon Leon Spinks are under consideration to replace Cobb in tune-up bout. Duran elects to campaign as a cruiserweight and Spinks, who has been in heavy training for three days and one night, gets the nod. "What ya nodding at me for?" Spinks replies.

April 10: Pennsylvania commission refuses to allow use of mysterious substance "Freaky-Deaky" in Spinks' corner. Leon threatens to drive to ringside and commission changes its policy. "I've only got one kind of license," Spinks tells reporters, "and it's not literary. You dig?" Holmes outpoints Spinks in their long-awaited (?) rematch.

April 15: Dennis Rappaport announces that Cooney sparmate Dwain Bonds has been disqualified from the Concord's Connie Francis Sing-A-Like Contest.

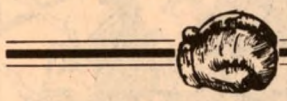
April 22: Bob Halloran at Caesars releases the information about who will sing national anthem at the big fight. Cooney wanted the Irish Rovers, Holmes demanded Rick James and, as a compromise, Rosemary Clooney and Ernie Holmes are chosen to do a duet. "We couldn't find any singers named Cooney," Halloran says.

May 10: Cooney and Holmes both shift training to Las Vegas.

May 15: "June 11 or Never-uary," confident King and Glass proclaim.

May 29: Holmes breaks right wrist reaching for tab in Caesars coffee shop. "My reach impediment means nothing," Holmes says. "I will still fight."

June 5: Valle shatters two glasses while serenading his fighter to sleep with their traditional "Gerry boy." "It wasn't Memorex," Mike Jones says, "but, in our contract, King pays for all breakage. We just hope there is no shrinkage at the closed-circuit sites."



June 10: Holmes weighs in at 12:15, Cooney an hour later. The time of the weighin is announced but the weights are not. "It's a gimmick I came up with," Loren Cassina says. "I got a side deal going the Weight Watchers people. The weights will be announced on the Richard Simmons show."

June 11: Holmes is left waiting in the ring and a worldwide audience is disappointed. Cooney and his entourage have pulled out at the last minute. "This guy went too far," Cooney says. "He insulted my second cousin in County Mayo."

June 12: Holmes breaks his attention span.

June 15: Fight is reset for the fall. "It'll be a September to Remember," Rappaport says. "We'll really be catching Holmes in his prime, a few days before he goes into the old age home. But he's still a formidable senior citizen."

Sept. 18: Holmes and Cooney finally meet. "Hi, Gerry," Holmes says. "Hey, champ, how ya doing?" Cooney replies. The meeting is at Don King's office, where they discuss firming up a 1984 date.

"This will be big," King says. "My slogan for it is 'Big Brother Is Watching.'"

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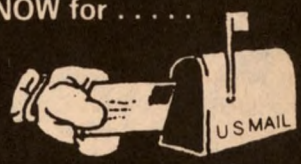


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E-EMPTY!
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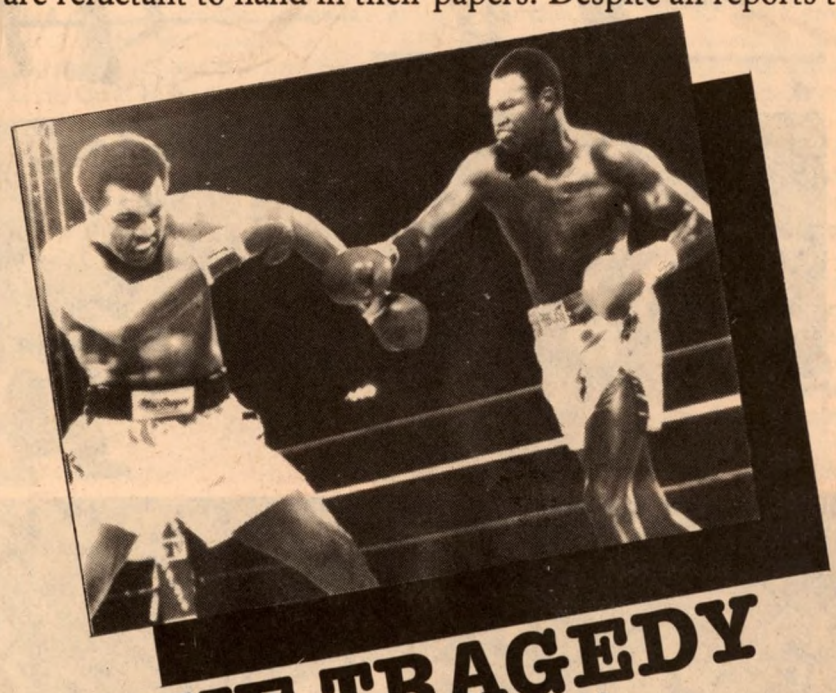
SUGAR RAY ROBINSON
CHARLIE McGILL ~ THE RING ~

A TWICE-told tale which used to make the rounds told of a lady who confided to her psychiatrist that her husband was concerned because she liked pancakes. The psychiatrist said he could see nothing abnormal about this, adding that he liked pancakes himself.

"Of course," the lady said. "They're wonderful. I have three drawers and seven trunks full of them." Among other instances of pushing a good thing too far is the persistent way in which boxers keep fighting long after their primes. This is a human failing, to be sure, because people on the brink of retirement often are reluctant to hand in their papers. Despite all reports to the contrary, fighters *are* people.



# THE TRAGEDY OF BOXING COMEBACKS

## Or Why Does Every Boxer Feel Compelled To Answer The Bell Like A Firehorse Retired To A Milk Wagon?

By Barney Nagler

SOME WEEKS AGO, IN ONE OF THOSE lapses that seemed to overcome him too often, Muhammed Ali made a return to the ring, though he had not fought in 11 months. Going in with Trevor Berbick in Nassau, he was, in another man's phrase, "pitful and an imposter."

How sad it must have been to witness this 10-round travesty, though those who made the long journey to ring-side did so voluntarily. They should have known better. Just about a year earlier Ali had been forced to retire in the 11th round in a bout with Larry Holmes at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. He had been less threatening than a parish priest.

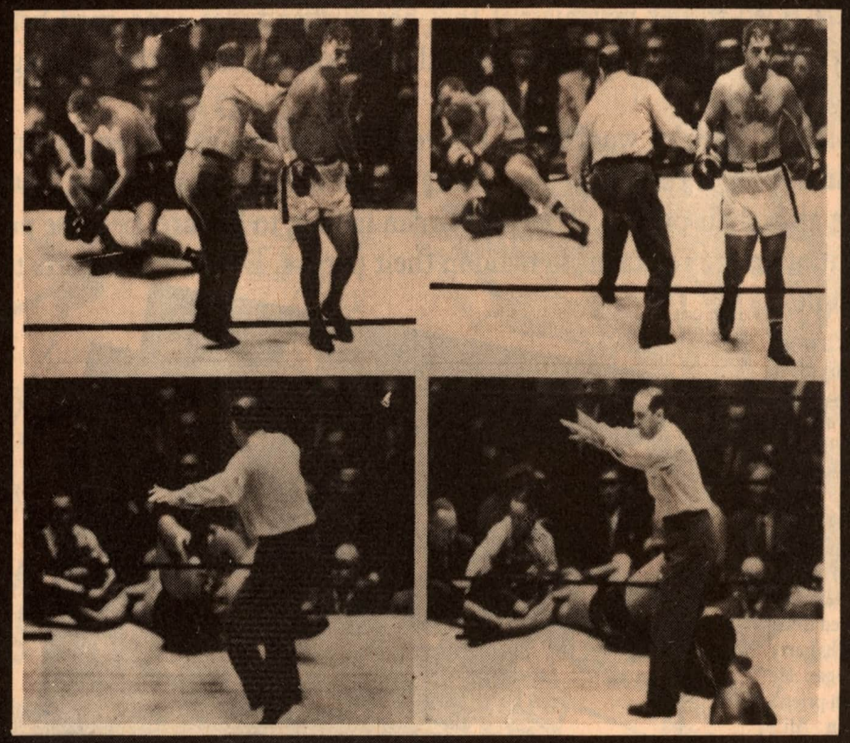
On that unhappy occasion even Ali's friends were warmed by the belief that the beating inflicted by Holmes would save Ali from further ridicule. But it turned out that he did not give a tinker's curse for advice. He forgot that he was only human and that, at 39 years of age, was incapable of defeating even so moderate a heavyweight as Berbick.

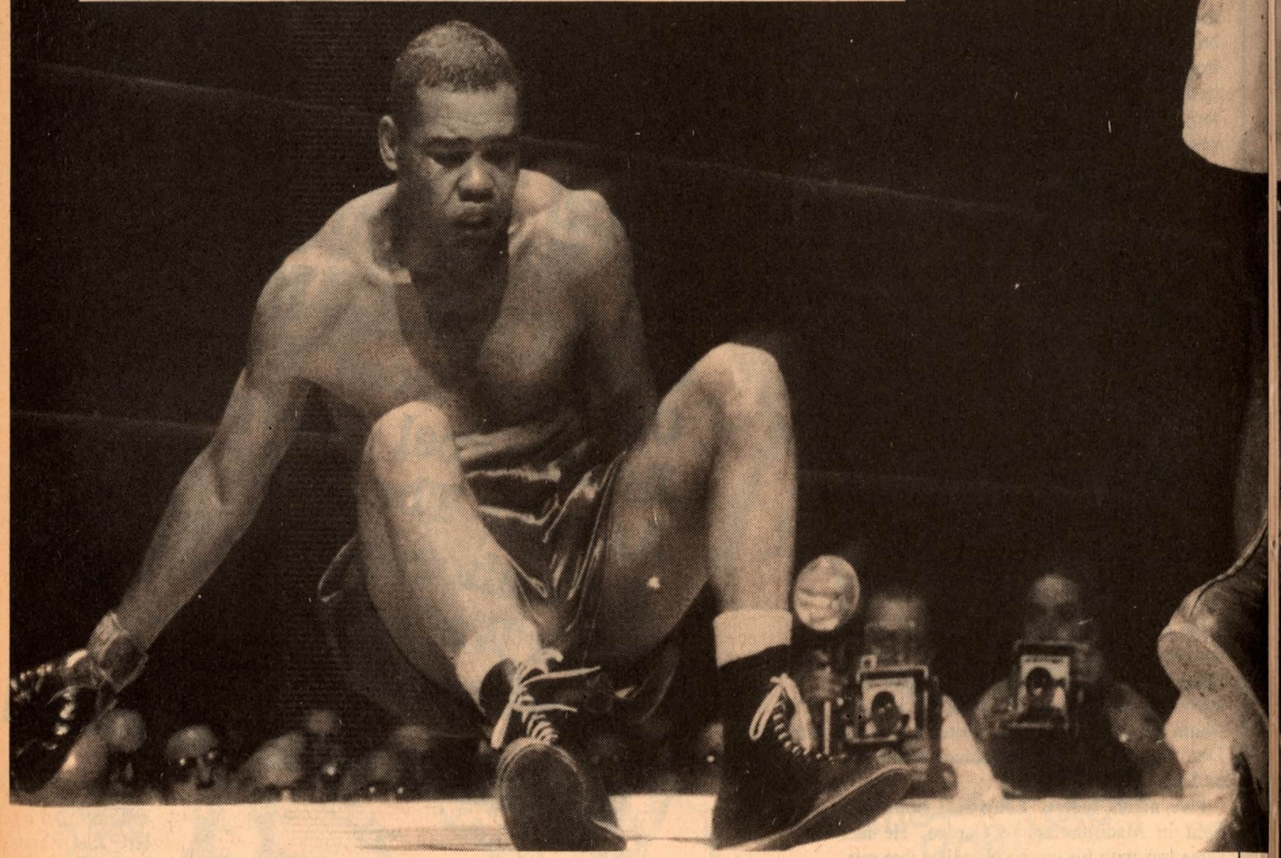
There were many in the sparse crowd in Nassau who remembered the time when energy poured from Ali, when he would never assume a position in the ring that suggested actual repose, and even when he was stationary, his position was that of the crouched tiger, the coiled spring. But then it went out of him, and it was gone forever, and all knew it but Ali himself. It was the same with Duran in Las Vegas and hundreds of others.

You will be told, if you ask, that most fighters go on beyond their time because of financial reasons. It happens to the best of them even those who vow that they will not be caught in the monetary trap and will depart the scene when they no longer can raise their fists purposefully

Joe Louis intended that his career should end on a high note. It did not, of course, though it rankled in the hearts of those who knew him and adored him, not the least of whom was a reporter who visited Louis on Dec. 12, 1947, in the champions apartment on Sugar Hill in Harlem.

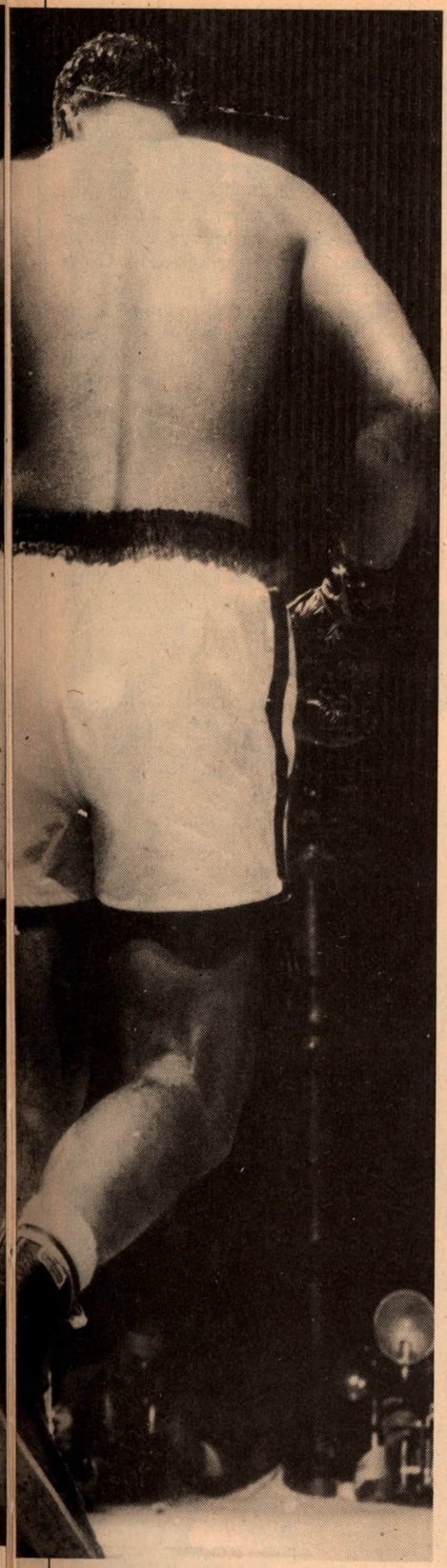
Five nights before, Louis had been in a fight in Madison Square Garden. He had come way with his mocha chocolate face misshapen, his left eye closed, and his pride dim-





*In with the new, out with the old: Future champ Rocky Marciano knocks former champ Joe Louis down and out of the ring, Oct. 26, 1950. (Overleaf: Jimmy Braddock decisioning Tommy Farr in his last fight, Jan. 21, 1938.*





inished. He had been the heavyweight champion since June 22, 1937, when he had knocked out James J. Braddock in the eighth round in Chicago.

There had been a great shout in Comiskey Park when the crown had been placed on his head. But now, as he sat in his apartment on Sugar Hill and reflected on the latest episode of his career, a great quiet enveloped him. He was 33 years old, in the 11th year of his reign, but he felt older. His head had throbbed for many hours after Jersey Joe Walcott had finished hitting it, and the face he saw in the mirror was raw and unfamiliar.

In the past all decisions had been made for Louis—by Mike Jacobs, his promoter, and by John Roxborough and Julian Black, his co-managers—but now he was about to make a decision on his own.

The reporter was saying, "It was tough the other night, Joe."

"I made it tough," Louis said. "I saw openings I didn't use. Man gets old, he don't take advantage of them things as fast as he used to."

"How do you feel now?"

"Good."

"What will you do?"

"When?"

"About Walcott."

"Fight him again."

"And beat him?"

"I beat him Friday. Next time I'll knock him out."

As the reporter later wrote, Louis' voice was without firmness and his words lacked confidence.

"I'll beat him and retire," Louis said.

"You're kidding, Joe."

"I mean it. I'm through after Walcott. It'll be my last fight."

It wasn't, of course. Louis intended it to be, but the problems that confront most old fighters confronted him after he flattened Walcott in 11 rounds. Within a year after his win he was back in the ring, trying to retrieve the title he had renounced, fighting against Ezzard Charles. He failed utterly. Charles hit the 36-year-old fighter at will. Louis bled early from facial lacerations, and Charles, respectful of the old champ, relented in his assault. After 15 rounds, the decision went to Charles.

A reporter later wrote, "The old fighter was a shambling hulk. He was cut above both eyes, one of which was shut tight by swelling. He could not see well enough to pull on his trousers. Friendly hands helped. Sugar Ray Robinson leaned down and put Joe's shoes on for him. The old champion was led out of the stadium by friends."

Before leaving Louis said, "I enjoyed the fight and I want to thank you all. I did my best." Then, again, he said, "I'll never fight again."

Louis did not keep his word; they never do. Within 13 months he made seven more appearances in the ring. People believed he had resisted the erosion of time, and this belief made the older ones among them feel younger. Seventeen years had passed since Louis had knocked out Primo Carnera in his first bout in New York. Time had endorsed his greatness, but he had put his own stamp on profligacy. His share of $4,000,000 in purses had been squandered and there was need to fight again.

This time they made him with Rocky Marciano, who had not had a professional bout until shortly after Louis' abortive retirement in 1948. The fight was scheduled for Madison Square Garden on October 26, 1951.

Louis went to his old training camp at Pompton Lakes, which had once been owned by Doc Bier but now was the property of a man named Baumgartner. The camp offered a measure of time's passing. Gone were the old hot dog stand, and the bar at which thousands had sipped their brew in the old days, when Louis and boxing were in flower.

Mannie Seamon, who had succeeded to the job of Louis' trainer after the death of Jack Blackburn, worked with the former champion. Louis, extremely confident, trained diligently. He went into the ring with Marciano convinced that he could handle his younger, smaller, less experienced, though undefeated, rival, a confidence he always carried and a confidence almost always rewarded.

Louis won at least three of the first five rounds, though Marciano did whack him pretty good with a right had punch behind the left ear toward the end of the first round. Louis had shaken it off and had opened slight cuts over Marciano's eye in the next few rounds.

As almost everybody knows by now, Marciano's major weapon was his right, which was thrown overhand and whistled as it went. Because of this, Louis disdained the use of a left hook, which, when thrown, would render him vulnerable to the overhand right.

Then, abruptly, Louis grew old. By the sixth round he was moving slowly and Marciano began shoving him around in the clinches. Louis' legs had deserted him. He was being hit by grazing punches he would have eluded in earlier time.

In the closing seconds of the seventh round, Louis took a chance and threw a left hook, which caught Marciano solidly on the right side of the jaw. The younger man shook it off and moved in. By this demonstration of disrespect, Marciano pointed the way to Louis' inevitable defeat.

The eighth round was the last of Louis' career. Unpredictably, it was effected not by Marciano's right but by his left hook. Short and to the point, the hook caught Louis' head. He went down and took an eight count.

When he arose, Marciano pinned him on the ropes and hit him with two more left hooks before throwing the last punch of the fight, a right to the jaw that sent Louis flying through the ropes onto the ring apron, where he lay with only one leg inside the ropes.

The crowd in the Garden sat stunned. Then a horde of Marciano's supporters pushed toward the ring and, smashing typewriters in the working press section, reached their hero.

Sugar Ray Robinson was in a ringside seat. When Louis went down for the first count, Robinson sensed the inevitable end. He began moving toward the ring; and when the end came, he jumped into the ring and consoled the fallen Louis.

Robinson said, "That's never going to happen to me," and he meant it. But it did. The greater they are, the more reasonable it is to expect that they will be victimized by the need to keep doing what they have been doing for a long time; fighting with gloves on, children of The Fancy. It happened to such greats as Benny Leonard and Tony Canzoneri. And it has happened to others, not as great. And in all instances the victims tried to come back, they needed money.

The list is long and not the least on it is Robinson, the peerless one, regarded by many as the finest fighter of the 20th Century.

This department remembers taking a walk with Robinson in Las Vegas. Hours earlier he had fought a draw with Gene Fullmer in a world middleweight title bout. Robinson had held the 160-pound championship five times—after giving up the welterweight championship—and was in the 21st year of his time as a professional boxer.

"You through now?" Robinson's companion asked.

"Maybe," he said. "When I'm through, believe me, I'm not going to be fighting for small money in little arenas in one-horse towns. Won't happen to me, like it happened to the others. I'll know when to get out."

So he stayed in the game long past his time, for 25 years, well into the fourth decade of his history, working in the Pittsfields and Johnstowns and Tijuanas of boxing. His last fight was on Nov. 10, 1965, in Pittsburgh, a quarter of a century after his first pro fight, against Joe Echeverria, so long forgotten, so little known, remembered now only because he helped launch the career of the memorable Sugar Ray.

Robinson's opponent in his last fight was Joey Archer, a New York middleweight of considerable skill and stamina.

Several days before the bout, Don Elbaum, a copromoter, gave a party in honor Sugar Ray. Elbaum, in Teddy Brenner's phrase, "had a sense of drama and a touch of the poet. He could make more touches in shorter time than anybody else in the business."

Robinson attended the party with Millie Bruce, whom he had recently married. It was a genial occasion, and in the spirit of the party, Elbaum presented a gift to Robinson.

Seriously, Elbaum said, "I've kept the things in this package for 25 years and I thought it appropriate to give them to you tonight."

"Thanks," Robinson said. "What's in the package?"

"I'll open it up and show you," the promoter said. He did and held aloft two boxing gloves. "These gloves," he said to Robinson, "are the very gloves you wore in your very first fight in Madison Square Garden 25 years ago. Don't ask me how I got hold of them, but here they are."

Sugar Ray's eyes filled. Abruptly required to remember how it was a quarter of a century earlier, he was transported into another age. He looked at his wife, Millie, and there were tears in her eyes, too. He tried to speak, but he was all choked up. Al Abrams, a sports editor in Pittsburgh, broke the ice.

"Hey, Ray, put on the old gloves so we can get a picture for the paper," Abrams said.

Elbaum was frantic. "No, Ray, no pictures with the gloves on!" the promoter yelled. "Just hold the gloves together to show them. That'll make the picture.

Robinson did not hear Elbaum and tried the gloves on. They were both left-handed. "You S.O.B.," he said to Elbaum. Two nights later Robinson fought his last fight and was throughly defeated by Archer. He did not bother to take his gloves home as souvenirs.

He had stayed too long in the game. In 201 fights, he failed to win only 27 times. Most of his defeats came in the second half of his career, when he was fighting from memory alone. And on the last night, against Archer, he could not bring the glory of his times to a successful conclusion. They never can. They reach too far, take the extra step, and fall.

Jimmy Braddock didn't. After he lost the heavyweight championship to Louis in 1937, Braddock spoke often of retirement. He had become the titleholder in the waning days of his career, an improbable "Cinderella Man" who had come off the home relief rolls to take the title form Max Baer at Madison Square Garden Bowl, the "graveyard of Champions."—Not a single titleholder who defended his championship in the jerry-built wooden arena in Long Island City left the place with his crown intact.

Braddock's reign lasted for two years. Louis flattened him in his first defense, coming off the floor to achieve his purpose. Then Braddock went back to his modest dwelling in New Jersey, where he sat around and pondered his future, believing he was through.

His manager, Joe Gould, believed differently. Gould, a small, ebullient hustler who held hands with people named Owney Madden and Big Bill Duffy, was as resourceful as he was wily. When he had accepted Louis as Braddock's opponent—instead of honoring a prior obligation to put the champion in with Max Schmeling—he exacted from promoter Mike Jacobs a "secret" contract calling for Braddock to get 10 per cent of the net profits of all heavyweight title fights promoted by Jacobs for the next ten years.

Gould believed the deal would keep him and Braddock in clover, but when Louis fought Max Schmeling before a million-dollar throng in 1938, they were still on good terms with the promoter.

As a result, Jacobs prevailed upon Gould to accept a match for Braddock with Tommy Farr, a Welshman who had gone 15 rounds with Louis in the Brown Bomber's first title defense.

Farr was nine years Braddock's junior. A hard-bitten Welsh miner in the coal fields around Tonypandy, he had gone in with Louis as a decided underdog. He could not punch very hard, but he was persistent and full of himself, a hard man to beat though he never won a fight in the United States. There were some witnesses of his fight with Louis who actually believed he had won.

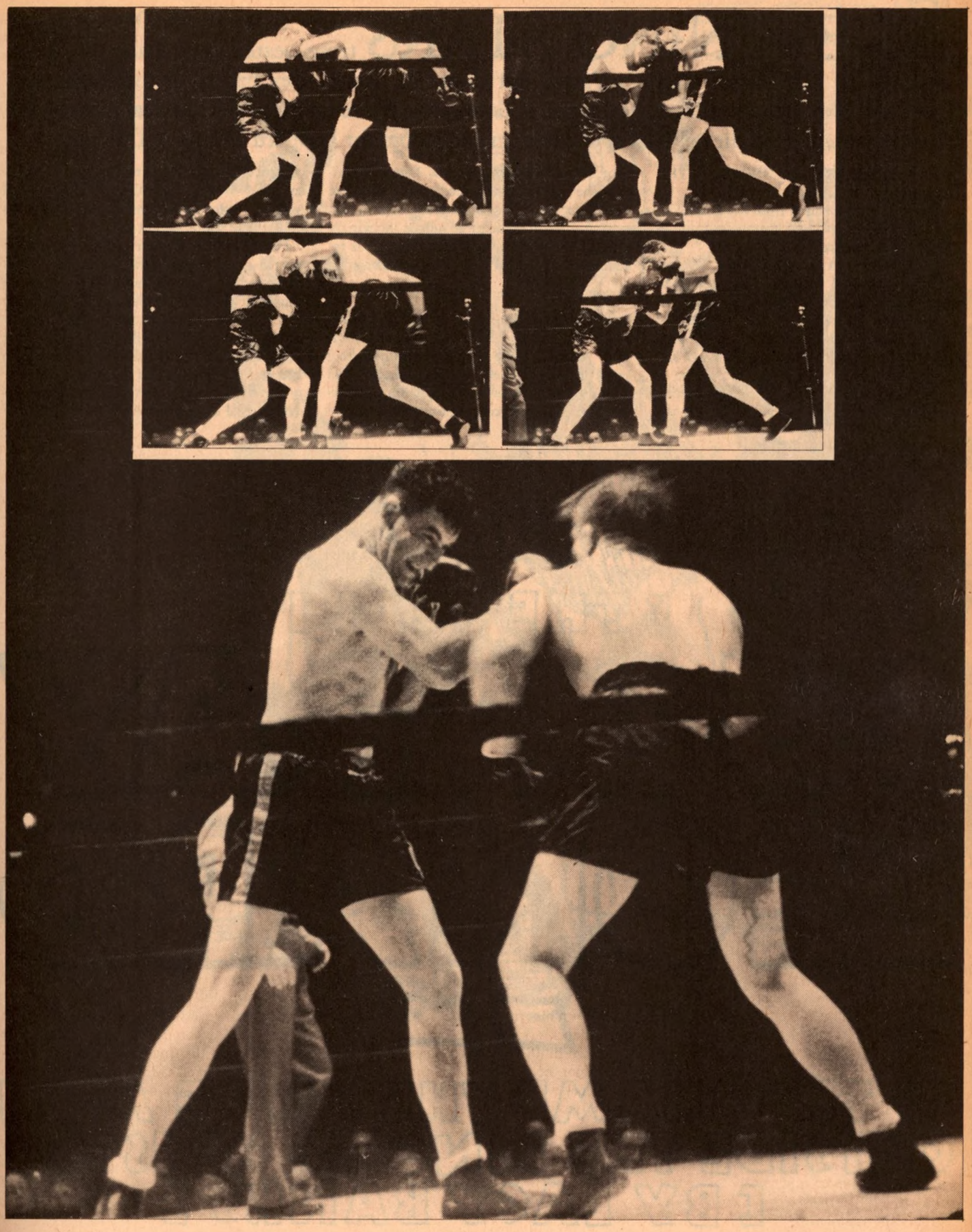
When Farr went into the ring with Braddock in the old Garden he was a 2-1 favorite. The wonderful old arena was fully populated, and the cream of the political and nether world sat in ringside pews. The crowd was announced as 17,369. Despite a night made raw by slush and rain, $80,654 was in the till, an inordinate sum for the times. TV had not yet imposed its great treasure on the commerce of the prize ring.

It was a fight worthy of the attention it drew. The New York *Times* described it as a "pulsating battle" in which Farr brought a body attack to Braddock, who responded with his stiff jabs and straight rights. Farr, at 24, seemed the aggressor in the early milling, and was well ahead on points going into the eighth round. But then, as if driven by a need to scale a higher peak, Braddock rallied.

The judges, George LeCron and Charley Lynch, split on the decision: LeCron had it 6-4 for Braddock, while Lynch voted 6 rounds to 4 in favor of Farr. The referee, Johnny McAvoy, cast a 4-4-2 round score, but gave the decision to Braddock, "apparently and justifiably on the strength of the glorious rally Braddock staged in the last two rounds," according to the *Times*.

When the decision was announced, a great roar sounded throughout the Garden. Farr rushed out of the ring, disdaining Braddock's outstretched hand as the conqueror sought to observe the time-honored custom of the ring. For this Farr was roundly booed as he left.

Braddock remembered the cheers. He never again pulled on gloves in earnest combat. A modest man, he was not among the overreachers, of whom there were many, all of whom give the word "Comeback" a dirty name.



# AS EVENING STARS shone on some 25,000 boxing patrons seated in a makeshift arena adjacent to Las Vegas' Caesar's Palace last Sept. 16, seven eyes had it in for Sugar Ray Leonard. Not the eyes of dice. Nor those of dominoes. We're talkin' about the real things—the human variety. And they almost spelled doom and gloom for Leonard as king of the ring.

ONE OF THOSE EYES BELONGED TO THE "Sugarman." His left one.

"It was slightly bruised from my getting elbowed during a sparring match in training camp," said Leonard.

Jackhammer jabs from opponent Thomas Hearns aggravated the bruise, caused it to swell monstrously and obscured Leonard's vision so that he really became a one-eyed fighter. Hearns later admitted he was hoping to damage that eye enough to gain a TKO victory.

The other six eyes belonged to three seemingly blind micemen from Vegas judging the bout. While most people saw Leonard winning the match after conceding the first five rounds to the more aggressive Hearns, the scoring cards of those three judges shockingly revealed that they saw Hearns winning. It remained for Leonard to prevent catastrophic controversy when he turned mongoose on the so-called "Motor City Cobra" and knocked him out in the 14th round to gain the world's undisputed welterweight crown.

Fortunately for Leonard—and for the sweet science—eyes generally favor him. Black eyes, brown eyes, gray and, to be sure, a generous gaggle of the blue because people generally like what they see in Leonard. They are dazzled by his sparkling smile, his fantastic fistic skills, his smooth, articulate conversation and, not incidentally, his warm personality.

"Presently, Sugar has the greatest crossover appeal of any active athlete I know of,"

Ed. Note: *Ring* Magazine, in an effort to see how Sugar Ray Leonard is perceived by his fans, assigned Lacy Banks, the outstanding black boxing writer of the Chicago *Sun Times*, to provide us with a different perspective of the most important boxer of his time.

# [THE REAL] SUGAR RAY LEONARD

## IS THE CHAMP THE SAME MAN OUTSIDE THE RING AS HE IS IN?

## [BY LACY BANKS]

# The Champ & Fans Then...

And Now

said Herbert Nipson, executive editor of *Ebony* magazine. "At his height, Ali probably had greater appeal. But Sugar's, I feel, will be more long lasting. People, black and white, who are not even sports fans admire him a lot. And this results largely from the image Leonard projects in his commercials and various other TV and public appearances.

"He comes across as a nice, handsome, clean-cut young man. He is personable. He is often seen with his son and his wife, which reflects a strong, masculine and virile head-of-the-family image. That's also wholesome. And he knows how to act in such a way as to not offend anybody."

The fact that Leonard is pleasing to human eyes not only makes him the premier product in the boxing market, but a valuable marketing asset to that popular "uncola" beverage and most any other product he'd dare endorse. Mike Trainer, Leonard's attorney and business manager, calls Leonard a "national treasure." A modest appraisal, to be sure. Certainly Leonard, who has generated a gross of approximately $100 million for his last four fights, could be described as an international gold mine.

This is particularly significant in a predominately white America that still is generally biased against blacks. It is true that successful black athletes frequently enjoy a large measure of exemption from white racism and its deadly side effects. They can buy some exemption with their huge salaries and hide away in country mansions replete with luxurious furnishings, heated swimming pools, mean threads, a Royce or Benz and other trappings of a private fantasyland.

But Leonard's exemption appears more solid. He's hobnobbed with the President and has multitudes of whites literally in love with him, much like they loved Muhammad Ali in his prime although, of course, for different reasons. It is such love and appreciation that has made Leonard boxing's greatest attraction. And those who fight him now can look forward to enjoying their biggest paycheck ever.

"Ali became a natural hero partly because the sincere moral stand he took against Vietnam turned out to be the most popular and proper one politically," said promoter Bob Arum. "He became a superhero on the world stage because of his political and religious affiliation. Leonard likewise is a great boxer as was Ali in his prime. A certain amount of public appeal comes from that. People love winners.

"While Ali's popularity stems from his political stands—plus his dynamic personality and boxing skills—Leonard is minus any heroic political move that draws international favor. Leonard is being helped by the improvements and increases made in television coverage—especially the breakthrough in subscription TV. But Leonard is having to share the stage with other boxers who have great box office appeal and competitive boxing skills.

"When Ali was in his prime, he carried boxing. It could be said that he was boxing. But at this time when Leonard may be the top attraction, boxing has other super attractons in people like heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, middleweight Marvin Hagler and fellow welterweight Thomas Hearns. These guys can demand million-dollar purses in their own right."

Meantime, although most people generally like Leonard for what they see in him, a number of blacks criticize him because they neither see nor hear enough of him helping the disadvantaged and supporting traditional major black institutions or civil rights organizations.

To be sure, although Ali and present champion Larry Holmes have gone on public record giving vocal and financial support to black colleges, black businesses and organizations like the NAACP, Operation PUSH, etc., most other famous black fighters in the past were not really involved with such charity. However, none of them ever really acquired the kind of wealth that Ali, Holmes and Leonard acquired.

"The Bible teaches us that from those to whom much is given, much is expected," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, noted civil rights activist and founder-president of Operation PUSH (People United To Save Humanity). "Leonard is a fine young man who is looked up to by millions. He can do so much good to help and inspire so many poor kids who will never realize even a microscopic fraction of his success. Certainly, he's no stranger to poverty and hard times because he's been there. Somebody helped him. Is he willing to help others?

"I've written letters to him soliciting whatever support he would care to give to help our programs struggling to upgrade the educational, medical and vocational conditions of the black community. And we never even received a response. It seems that white folks have him so tightly buffered and tied up that precious few people, if any, really get through to him."

Even Leonard's former trainer Dave Jacobs, the man who had been with Leonard since the beginning and helped to guide him to a gold medal victory in the 1976 Montreal Olympics—found himself rooting for Hearns to beat Leonard because he felt "it could bring him (Leonard) back down to earth, help him to be humble and loving to people again."

Jacobs says that he still loves Leonard despite several disagreements.

"But one of the reasons I left Leonard was because he changed," said Jacobs. "He doesn't contribute much of anything to the black community in Palmer Park (Md.) that helped make him—or a black community anywhere else for that matter. He is now controlled by white folks who have him thinking of only one thing: money."

Leonard and Trainer deny that Leonard has forgotten his black roots and does not try to help the poor.

"I just do it my own way," says Leonard. "I help a lot of people individually and privately. I'm not going to mention any names because I don't feel that's necessary. It's just that whenever I help somebody, I don't do it for publicity and hold a big press conference to tell a lot of people, "See how good I am." I don't think that's right. People should give from the heart because it's right. When you do that, it doesn't really matter who knows about it."

"Leonard makes a lot of personal contributions directly," said Trainer. "He gives to his church. And the way he is carrying himself as a good family man and a successful businessman is encouraging. You can't say that the only way to contribute to the black community is through Operation PUSH or the NAACP. Anyway, we have never received any kind of request from Jackson or his organization.

"A lot of people complain to us when they come for major contributions or for Leonard to endorse them and we start asking them questions and demanding accountability. Leonard once endorsed an alleged fund-raising drive for sickle cell anemia that turned out to be a fraud and had people trying to sue him. And look what happened to Ali in that MAPS scandal. They misused his name to steal and waste millions of dollars. We don't want that to happen to Leonard."

Just as there are some people outside boxing who criticize Leonard for charity they don't see, Trainer feels there are others inside boxing who criticize and even dislike Leonard because of the popularity and tremendous success that they do see. Trainer feels that such feelings could have been a factor in all three judges scoring against him in the Hearns fight.

"It's not that Leonard is unpopular to the powers that be in boxing," said Trainer. "The real powers love Leonard. And I define the real powers in boxing as the fans who subsidize it and the press that promotes it. Not the boxing judges, commissioners and what have you. I think those people, those so-called 'powers' consider Ray a threat. I think that he is setting a tone or a standard of conduct that frightens them.

"Leonard is bringing new people into boxing. He is opening it up and making it more competitive. He's swinging that balance of power to the boxers rather than promoters. And that's frightening the hell out of people. They want boxers whom they can control, or boxers who want to maintain the status quo."

And that Sugar Ray Leonard is not!

# RINGSIDE REPORTS

## FIGHT OF THE MONTH

***KIM-ISHII***
***WBC Super Flyweight Title***

TAEGU, KOREA—Chul-Ho Kim, 114½, retained his WBC super flyweight title with an eighth round kayo over Japanese challenger Koki Ishii, 114¾, at Kyongbuk Gymnasium. But it was a give-and-take affair that saw the bearded champ knocked down by a hard right in the third session.

It was a little like the 1957 Patterson-Rademacher bout. Ishii, 27, was an amateur star who'd shone in international competition and compiled a 57-8 (29 stoppages) log as a simon pure. As a pro, however, he'd had only nine bouts, winning all of them and scoring five kayoes along the way. The 21-year-old Kim, by contrast, had an 18-1-1 pro record. He had turned professional when he was 17.

Ishii was the WBC's ninth ranked flyweight, and was called the "champion killer" due to his non-title wins over Japanesee champ Kazumasa Tamaki and OPBF titlist Hong-Soo Yang.

The 5'6" Kim, about an inch taller than the challenger, befuddled Ishii with a strong first round in which he scored repeatedly with solid one-two combos. Ishii, who boxes from an upright stance, tried to respond with left jabs, but the champ had too much speed and power.

The second round saw the Korean tiger swarm over the still nervous challenger and shake him up with good right crosses to the temple. Ishii barely weathered the storm, and Kim, normally regarded as a slow starter, had won the first two sessions.

The champ got careless in the third round. He came in with his guard open, and a well-timed Ishii right cross caught him on the button. Down Kim went, but he got up before Mexican referee Rya Solis had completed the compulsory eight-count. Ishii knew that Kim had not been hurt, and kept his distance. The champ retaliated with quick combinations, and Ishii restricted himself to throwing a few jabs.

Ishii, the son of a Black American father and a Japanese mother, held Kim even in the fourth round, but the champ came back to take the fifth. Weaving and ducking, he averted Ishii's jabs and scored with overhand rights. The challenger has an inclination to carry his left hand too low.

Kim sent Ishii crashing to the deck with a double left hook in the sixth round, but the challenger managed to pull himself up in time.

The seventh round had barely started when Kim dropped Ishii again with a wicked right chop on the temple. The Japanese hit the deck on all fours, but he got up in time again. The remainder of the round saw Kim batter the groggy challenger with light but accurate combos, almost toppling him on several occasions.

The end came early in the eighth round. Kim came forward and scored with a sharp right uppercut. Ishii came to a standstill, and a solid right cross send him down for the fatal 10.

The official scoring after seven was as follows: referee Solis, 70-62; judge Tal-Non Kim (Korea), 68-61; judge Masakazu Uchida (Japan), 68-63—all in favor of Kim.

Kim, the son of a timber dealer, is reportedly scheduled to face former champion Rafael Orono in his next defense. This will be a good opportunity for him to prove his January 25, 1981 kayo over Orono was not a fluke, but his four successful defenses—against Jiro Watanabe, Willie (Birdlegs) Jensen, Jackal Maruyama, and Ishii—have proved more than just a little bit in themselves.

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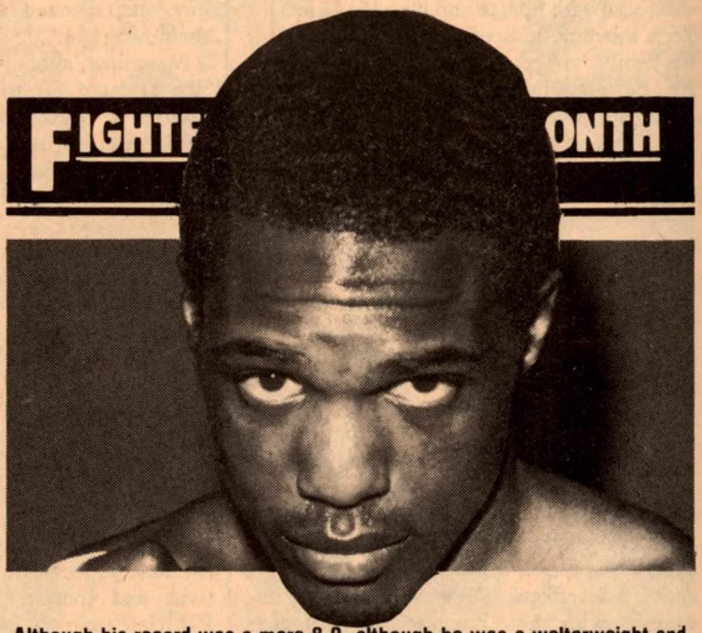
## FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



**Although his record was a mere 8-0, although he was a welterweight and although he had never beaten a rated junior middleweight, Davey Moore woke up one morning to find the WBA had placed him in their top 10 among the world's junior middleweights. A few mornings later, Moore awoke to find he had "earned" a title shot against Tidashi Mihara. The former "New Face" went to Japan, where he beat up Mihara, winning the uncoveted WBA junior middleweight title and bocoming *Ring's* "Fighter of the Month" almost as quickly as he had become a "Rated" fighter.**

***DOKES-BALL***
***NABF Heavyweight Title***

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Lynn "Bullets" Ball put his NABF heavyweight title on the line against a formidable Michael "Dynamite" Dokes.

And the 212½-pound Texan was more like a "Ball" than a bullet as Dokes, at 212, bounced him around the canvas three times in the first round to end the fight and Ball's NABF title claim.

The scheduled 12-round bout was the semi-main attraction on the Wilfred Benitez-Roberto Duran title card at Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion.

Dokes entered the ring with his usual style of showboating. He threw his now-familiar red roses to the ladies at ringside then pranced around the ring like a show horse at bay.

But, once the bout began, Dokes was all business, coming on with a flurry of punches and a straight

# RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

With the talent in the welterweight division as thin as Thomas Hearns' waistline, it is interesting to note that those two sandboxes of boxing, the WBA and the WBC, have not seen fit to rank the man who lost just once in 35 fights in their top ten welterweights.

Obviously operating under the principle—as espoused by Jose Torres, amongst others—that what's good for South and Central America is good for boxing, and vice versa, these two elitist groups have taken to elevating men less on the basis of performance than on national heritage and favoritism.

The current WBC Ratings STILL have Pipino Cuevas as the number-one ranked contender even though he lost to Roger Stafford, number-three ranked contender. Let's hear it for Jose Sluliaman's fans, the "Deep Pockets" of Mexico, who manages to keep fellow countrymen atop the ratings, come what—or who—may.

The number-two contender, even considering adjustments for inflation, is someone named Chung-Jae Hwang of Korea, so well known to the WBC powers-that-be that they "muxed-up" the names and called him "Hwang-Chung-Jae."

Get the picture that it doesn't matter who it is, as long as he's a warm body and not Thomas Hearns—who is still a welterweight, at least according to himself and his manager, if not the WBC.

## RING RATINGS 40 YEARS AGO

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.
1. Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2. Lem Franklin, Cleveland, Ohio
3. Bob Pastor, Saratoga, N.Y.
4. Melio Bettina, Beacon, N.Y.
5. Abe Simon, New York, N.Y.
6. Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles
7. Buddy Baer, Oakland, Calif.
8. Lou Nova, Alameda, Calif.
9. Alberto Lovell, Argentina
10. Roscoe Toles, Naftel, Ala.

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N.J.
1. Booker Beckwith, Chicago, Ill.
2. Ken Overlin, Decatur, Illinois
3. Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio
4. Mose Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5. Billy Soose, Farell, Pa.
6. Anton Christoforidis, Greece
7. Tommy Tucker, Rockaway, N.Y.
8. Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio
9. Erv Sarlin, Pittsburgh, Pa.
10. Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana
1. Georgie Abrams, New York, N.Y.
2. Ezzard Charles, Atlanta, Ga.
3. Ernie Vigh, Carteret, N.J.
4. Coley Welch, Portland, Me.
5. Kid Tunero, Cuba
6. Ceferino Garcia, Philippines
7. Steve Belloise, New York, N.Y.
8. Antonio Fernandez, Chile
9. Fred Apostoli, San Francisco, Cal.
10. Ron Richards, Australia

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Freddie Cochrane, Elizabeth, N.J.
1. Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
2. Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles
3. Young Kid McCoy, Detroit, Mich.
4. Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5. Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6. Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich.
7. Cocoa Kid, Puerto Rico
8. Izzy Jannazzo, New York, N.Y.
9. Norman Rubio, Albany, N.Y.
10. Ernie Roderick, England

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Sammy Angott, Philadelphia, Pa.
1. Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia
2. Lenny Mancini, Youngstown, Ohio
3. Ray Lunny, San Francisco, Calif.
4. Slugger White, Athens, Ga.
5. Juan Zurita, Mexico City, Mexico
6. George Latka, San Jose, Calif.
7. Dave Castilloux, Montreal
8. Bobby Ruffin, Bridgeport, Conn.
9. Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N.J.
10. Chester Rico, New York, N.Y.

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, Calif.
1. Jackie Wilson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2. Pedro Hernandez, Puerto Rico
3. Harry Jeffra, Baltimore, Md.
4. Sal Bartolo, Boston, Mass.
5. Bobby Ivy, Hartford, Conn.
6. Jimmy Hatcher, Lake City, S.C.
7. Mike Raffa, Weirton, Pa.
8. Charley Costantino
9. Bill Speary, Nanticoke, Pa.
10. Abie Denner, Boston, Mass.

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Lou Salica, Brooklyn, New York
1. Kui Kong Young, Hawaii
2. Manuel Ortiz, Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Rush Dalma, Philippines
4. Jim Brady, Scotland
6. Tommy Forte, Philadelphia, Pa.
7. Kenny Lindsay, Vancouver, B.C.
8. Peter Kane, Lancaster, Eng.
9. Jimmy Stubbs, England
10. Jackie Jurich, San Jose, Ca.

**FLYWEIGHTS**
World Champion
Title Vacant
1. Jackie Paterson, Scotland
2. Little Dado, Philippines
3. Joe Curran, England
4. Luis Castillo, Cuba
5. Paddy Ryan, Lancaster, Eng.
6. Small Montana, Philippines
7. Lupe Cordoza, Sacramento, Cal.
8. Humberto Espinosa, Cuba
9. Jimmy Gill, Nottingham, Eng.
10. Norman Lewis, Wales

Well, now comes the voice of reason, Jose Sulaiman, to lay everything to rest with his incisive comment: "In the welterweights today there is not much difference between No. 1 and No. 10." Great, Jose! Then why bother at all? Especially when you neither care nor know what is going on in boxing!

And how, pray tell, is the WBA keeping up its end of the bargain, protecting those fighters out there who come from Latin American countries?

Well, as starters, the man laughingly referred to as the Championship Committee Chairman, Luis Batista Salas, has decreed that WBA Lightweight Champion Arturo Frias must defend again against Ernesto Espana because the cuts which stopped the fight were caused by an Espana punch, not a butt.

Thus, Espana, a Venezuelan, who is managed by the shadowy Pepi Cordero of Puerto Rico, will get yet another shot at a championship, leaving Gonzallo Montellano out in the cold. Montellano, who once was Rated #1 and had to pull out of a title fight with Claude Noel—giving Frias his chance to pinch hit—is now relegated to a back seat on the WBA bus.

But what do they care? Montellano, you see is from Los Angeles, California, not Central or South America.

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### HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**LARRY HOLMES**** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
1 **Mike Weaver*** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
2 **Gerry Cooney** . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
3 **Michael Dokes** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
4 **Greg Page** . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
5 **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
6 **Trevor Berbick** . . . . . Halifax, Canada
7 **Leon Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
8 **James (Quick) Tillis** . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
9 **Randall (Tex) Cobb** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
10 **Renaldo Snipes** . . . . . Yonkers, N.Y.

11. John Tate, 12. Jimmy Young, 13. Tim Witherspoon, 14. Bernardo Mercado, 15.Larry Frazier, 16, Pinklon Thomas, 17. John Denis, 18. Marty Monroe

### LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**DWIGHT BRAXTON**** . . . . . Camden, N.J.
1 **Michael Spinks*** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
2 **Matthew Saad Muhammad** . . . . . Phila., Pa.
3 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
4 **Jerry Martin** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
5 **Carlos DeLeon** . . . . . Puerto Rico
6 **Marvin Camel** . . . . . Missoula, Mont.
7 **Murray Sutherland** . . . . . Bay City, Mich.
8 **Jerry Celestine** . . . . . New Orleans, La.
9 **James Scott** . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
10 **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.

11. S.T. Gordon, 12. Mustapha Wasajja, 13. Lotte Mwale, 14. Vonzell Johnson, 15. John Davis, 16. Yaqui Lopez, 17. Bashiru Ali, 18. Young Joe Louis, 19. Jim McNally

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**MARVIN HAGLER** . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
1 **Tony Sibson** . . . . . England
2 **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
3 **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
4 **Wilford Scypion** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
5 **Frank Fletcher** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Fulgencio Obelmejias** . . . . . Venezuela
7 **Curtis Parker** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Ray Seales** . . . . . Tacoma, Wash.
9 **Robbie Epps** . . . . . Clovis, N. Mex.
10 **Vinnie Curto** . . . . . Boston, Mass.

11. Ronnie Harris, 12. Bernard Mays, 13. William "Caveman" Lee, 14. Alex Ramos, 15. Bobby Czyz, 16. Marcos Geraldo, 17. Robbie Sims, 18. Ernie Singletary, 19. Mark Holmes, 20. Ted Sanders, 21. James Kinchen, 22. Mickey Goodwin, 23. Juan Roldan, 24. Jose Macias, 25. Jacinto Fernandez

### JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**RAY LEONARD** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Wilfred Benitez**** . . . . . Puerto Rico
2 **Ayub Kalule** . . . . . Uganda
3 **Tony Ayala, Jr.** . . . . . San Antonio, Tex.
4 **Maurice Hope** . . . . . England
5 **Carlos Herrera** . . . . . Argentina
6 **Charlie Weir** . . . . . South Africa
7 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
8 **Gary Guiden** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
9 **Clint Jackson** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.
10 **Davey Moore*** . . . . . New York, N.Y.

11. Walter Gomez, 12. Tidashi Mihara, 13. Herol Graham, 14. Rocky Fratto, 15. Kenny Bristol, 16. Tony Braxton, 17. Carlos Santos, 18. Bruce Johnson, 19. Luigi Minchillo, 20. James Green, 21. Sean Mannion, 22. Clemente Tshinza

### WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**RAY LEONARD** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Thomas Hearns** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Roger Stafford** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
3 **Pipino Cuevas** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
5 **Milton McCrory** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
6 **Colin Jones** . . . . . England
7 **Bruce Finch** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
8 **Randy Shields** . . . . . N. Hollywood, Calif.
9 **Bobby Joe Young** . . . . . Steubenville, Ohio
10 **Marlon Starling** . . . . . Hartford, Conn.

11. Adolfo Viruet, 12. Pete Ranzany, 13. Luis Primera, 14. Mauricio Bravo, 15. Davey Moore, 16. Pepe Dominguez, 17. Donald Curry, 18. Chung-Jae Hwang, 19. Akio Kameda, 20. Pat Hallacy, 21. Kevin Morgan, 22. Greg Stephens, 23. Mark Harris, 24. Harold Volbrecht

### JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**AARON PRYOR*** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Saoul Mamby**** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
2 **Jo Kimpuani** . . . . . France
3 **Dujuan Johnson** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
4 **Miguel Montilla** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
5 **Johnny Bumphus** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.
6 **Monroe Brooks** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **Leroy Haley** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nevada
8 **Willie Rodriguez** . . . . . Allentown, Pa.
9 **Steve Hearon** . . . . . Houston, Texas
10 **Lennox Blackmoore** . . . . . Guyana

11. Billy Costello, 12. Bruce Curry, 13. Obisia Nwankpa, 14. Guillermo Fernandez, 15. Juan Jose Gimenez, 16. Clinton McKenzie, 17. Antonio Cervantes, 18. Ronnie Shields, 19. Cristobal Torres, 20. Steve Early, 21. Thomas Americo, 22. Antonio Guinaldo, 23. Patrizio Oliva, 24. Hugo Quartapelle

**How The Ring International Ratings Panel works:** Boxing authorities from all six major continents have submitted their ballots—marked from one to ten to indicate their rankings under **The Ring's** champion—to reflect their evaluation of the relative challengers' positions as of March 1, 1982. Their ballots were then weighted with scores of from ten (for a first-place vote) to one (for a tenth-place vote) and totaled up to provide the final standings. After the top ten were tabulated, those other fighters receiving votes were then listed in order, according to the number of votes received, from 11th on.

**(AS OF MARCH, 1, 1982)**

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing)

***WBA champion** **WBC champion

### LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**ALEXIS ARGUELLO**** . . . . . Nicaragua
1 **Aaron Pryor** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
2 **Andrew Ganigan** . . . . . Honolulu, Ha.
3 **Art Frias*** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Sean O'Grady** . . . . . Oklahoma City, Ok.
5 **Howard Davis, Jr.** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
6 **Hilmer Kenty** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
7 **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** . . . . . Mexico
8 **Gonzallo Montellano** . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Ray Mancini** . . . . . Youngstown, Ohio
10 **Claude Noel** . . . . . Trinidad, W.I.

11. Curtis Harris, 12. Edwin Viruet, 13. Roberto Elizondo, 14. Ernesto Espana, 15. James Busceme, 16. Herman Montes, 17. Jorge Morales, 18. Barry Michael, 19. Jose Luis Ramirez, 20. Cocoa Sanchez, 21. Julio Valdez

### JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**SAMUEL SERRANO*** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Rolando Navarrete**** . . . . . Honolulu, Ha.
2 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** . . . . . England
3 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
5 **Bobby Chacon** . . . . . Pacoima, Calif.
6 **Yasutsune Uehara** . . . . . Japan
7 **John Verderosa** . . . . . Staten Island, N.Y.
8 **Johnny Sato** . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
9 **Ildelfonso Bethelmy** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Carlos Pinango** . . . . . Venezuela

11. Greg Coverson, 12. Chung-Il Choi, 13. Jorge Alvarado, 14. Hector Cortez, 15. Patrick Ford, 16. Frankie Baltazar, 17. Enrique Maxwell, 18. Hector Camacho, 19. Mario Vizcaya, 20. Johnny Aba, 21. Leonardo Moreno, 22. Alfredo Paiva, 23. Il-Bok Lee, 24. Reinaldo Hidalgo

### FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**SALVADOR SANCHEZ**** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Eusebio Pedroza*** . . . . . Panama
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
4 **Rocky Lockridge** . . . . . Paterson, N.J.
5 **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
6 **Mario Miranda** . . . . . Colombia
7 **Pat Cowdell** . . . . . England
8 **Patrick Ford** . . . . . Guyana
9 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
10 **Paul Ferrari** . . . . . Australia

11. Reyes Gonzalez, 12. Marcos Villasana, 13. Guillermo Vallejo, 14. Augustin Martinez, 15. Gustavo Salgado, 16. Freddie Roach, 17. Bernard Taylor, 18. Tony Santana, 19. Benabe Montanez, 20. Alcibiades Blandon, 21. Carlos Pinango, 22. Nicky Perez, 23. Jung-Han Hwang, 24. Kelvin Lampkin

### JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**WILFREDO GOMEZ**** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Sergio Palma*** . . . . . Argentina
2 **Mike Ayala** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
3 **Leo Cruz** . . . . . Dominican Republic
4 **Jaime Garza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
5 **Ricardo Cardona** . . . . . Colombia
6 **Juan (Kid) Meza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **Lupe Pintor** . . . . . Mexico
8 **Nicky Perez** . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
9 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
10 **Soon-Hyun Chung** . . . . . Korea

11. Jose Caba, 12. Carmelo Negron, 13. Joaquin Acuna, 14. Oscar Muniz, 15. Franco Torregoza, 16. Derrik Holmes, 17. Jorge Lujan, 18. Vilchit Muangroi-Et, 19. Juan Antonio Lopez, 20. Carlos Mendoza, 21. Julio Saba, 22. Salvatore Melluzo

### BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**JEFF CHANDLER*** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Lupe Pintor**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Chul-Ho Kim** . . . . . Korea
3 **Kiko Bejines** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Albert Davila** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
5 **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
6 **Johnny Carter** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
7 **Eijiro Murata** . . . . . Japan
8 **Jose R. Narvaez** . . . . . Argentina
9 **Rafael Orono** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Hurricane Teru** . . . . . Japan

11. Julian Solis, 12. Carlos Bejarano, 13. Jaime Garza, 14. Miguel Iriarte, 15. Diego Rosario, 16. Jovito Rengifo, 17. Weilie Nkosinkulu, 18. Fred Jackson, 19. Jorge Ramirez, 20. Jiro Watanabe, 21. Ramon Soria, 22. Seung-Hoon Lee, 23. Artemio Ramirez, 24. Enrique Sanchez

### FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**ANTONIO AVELAR**** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Juan Herrera*** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Amado Ursua** . . . . . Mexico
3 **Hilario Zapata** . . . . . Panama
4 **Katsuo Tokashiki** . . . . . Japan
5 **Hwan Jin Kim** . . . . . Korea
6 **Rafael Pedroza** . . . . . Panama
7 **Gustavo Ballas** . . . . . Argentina
8 **Candido Tellez** . . . . . Mexico
9 **Luis Ibarra** . . . . . Panama
10 **German Torres** . . . . . Mexico

11. Betulio Gonzalez, 12. Juan Diaz, 13. Charlie Magri, 14. Reinaldo Becerra, 15. Gabriel Bernal, 16. Eleoncio Mercedes, 17. Alonso Gonzalez, 18. Pedro Flores, 19. Peter Mathebula, 20. Stephen Muchoki, 21. Joey Olivo, 22. Prudencio Cardona, 23. Ray Perez

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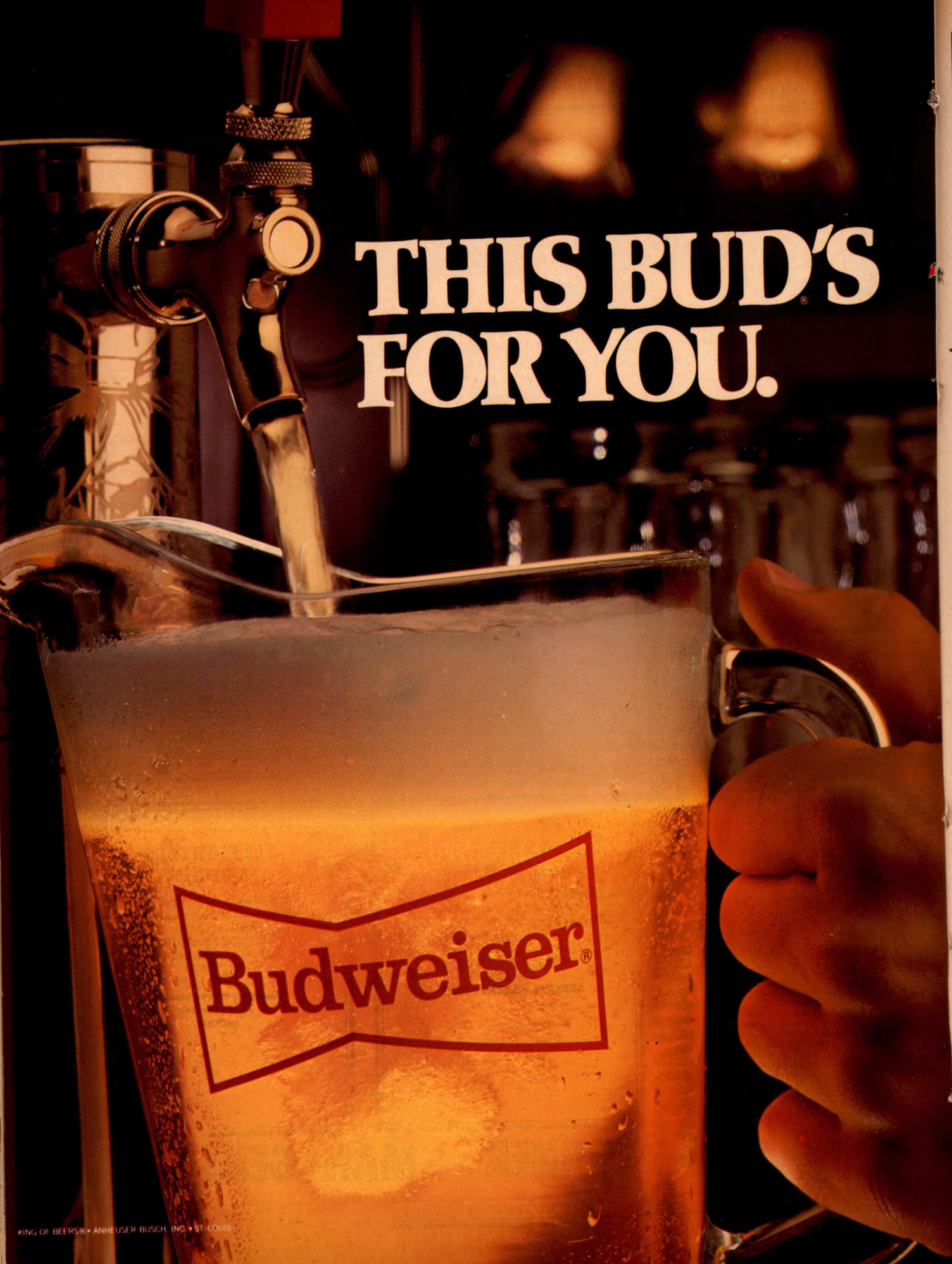


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right hand that sent Ball to the canvas for the first time. Referee Davey Pearl ruled it a slip but this did not deter "Dynamite" Dokes. He immediately sent Ball down a second time; and the NABF champ had no sooner gotten to his feet than he was dumped by Dokes for the third and final time at 2:56 of the first round.

Dokes claimed after the victory that he had a cold and laryngitis, and wanted to get the fight over with in record time.

The defeated Ball claimed that he was overmatched; and never had a chance. The loss drops Ball's record to 17-5 including 12 kayoes.

Michael Dokes brought his record to 24-0-1, with 13 knockouts.

Dokes, fighting out of Akron, Ohio, is a stalwart in the Don King stable, and, according to King, "is the heir apparent to the WBC heavyweight title once Larry Holmes retires".

Edwin Rosario maintained his undefeated record with a stunning K.O. over Ezzard Charles in 2:07 of the third in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Rosario, 131½, bided his time for the first two rounds, as Charles, 132, trying to live up to his famous namesake, pressed an attack against his wily opponent.

But all of Charles' punching and pummeling did not faze the clever, superbly conditioned Rosario. As a result, Charles lost his temper and control in the third round, threw caution to the winds, and began swinging with wild punches that completely missed their mark.

At this point, Rosario, with brilliant timing, ripped Charles with a series of left hooks. These were followed by a series of lethal rights that sent Charles to the canvas.

Charles was unable to beat referee Harry Krause's 10-count, and Rosario brought his undefeated record to 23-0, with 22 kayoes.

Mark Holmes, 160¾, won a 10-round unanimous decision over Ted (TNT) Sanders, 161.

Holmes, brother of WBC heavyweight Champ Larry Holmes, brought his undefeated record to 18-0 with 8 knockouts.

Scoring was: judge Dave Moretti, 99-91; Jerry Roth, 98-93; Duane Ford, 98-92. Referee: Carlos Padilla.

"Sweet" Irving Mitchell, 126½, scored a unanimous decision over Rick Fowler, 128, bringing his undefeated record to 13-0 with 11 kayoes.

Mitchell had Fowler down briefly in the 1st round, but Fowler got to his feet to survive the scheduled 8.

All three judges scored the bout 80-71 in favor of Mitchell.

Alberto Mercado, 124, Puerto Rico, brought his undefeated record to 14-0 as he kayoed Jose Pozos, 129, in 2:48 of the 5th round in a scheduled eight. Referee: Carlos Padilla.

A scheduled 4-round heavyweight bout ended at 1:40 of the 1st as Don Farmer, 205¾, kayoed J.D. Hull, 210, Los Angeles.

Bernard (The Bull) Benton, 194, took a four-round unanimous decision over Brady Wills, 199, in a cruiserweight contest. All three judges, Charles Minker, Paul Smith, and Alan Adler, scored 40-36 in favor of Benton.

In the walkout bout, Juan (Kid) Meza, 125½, scored a TKO over Antonio Guido, 125, at 2:06 of the 9th round in a scheduled 10. Meza, the number 3 contender in the WBC super bantamweight rankings, was swarming all over his overmatched opponent when referee Harry Krause stopped the bout.

Attendance—3,369. Gross—$547,450. (01-30-82)

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*Lynn being Ball-ed over by "Dynamite" Dokes in one round; (Inset) Sugar Ray makes Bruce F(L)inch in three.*

### *MOORE-MIHARA*
### *WBA Junior Middleweight Title*

TOKYO, JAPAN—Davey Moore floored defending champ Tadashi Mihara four times and knocked him out in 0:53 of the sixth session to win the WBA junior middleweight title at Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium.

A natural welterweight, Davey had been given the number 10 spot in the WBA junior middle ratings and rushed into a title shot against Mihara. Moore had had only eight pro bouts, but had been the New York Golden Gloves champ for four successive years, compiling a 96-6 amateur record.

The 22-year-old Moore entered the ring at 152¾ pounds to 153¾ for the 27-year-old Mihara. Davey took the first round with good left jabs and solid right crosses. The 5'10" Mihara looked nervous from the start, and was befuddled by Moore's furious opening rallies.

The second canto followed the same pattern, as the 5'8¾" Davey chased the slower champ with quick "double punches"—left uppercuts to the body followed by left hooks to the jaw. He often had Mihara staggering to the ropes, and won the session.

Mihara fought back in the third round, catching the scrappy Moore with one-two combinations. Davey, conscious of his superior hand speed, fought back with left-right combos to make the inning fairly even.

Tadashi knew that Davey hadn't had any experience going more than seven rounds, so he went for the body in an effort to further reduce the challenger's stamina. The strategy was partially successful, as his left uppercuts occasionally ripped into Moore's body. But the comparatively powerless Mihara was mixing with the challenger too much, and, whenever he attempted to throw body punches, Moore retaliated with sharp jabs and one-twos to the face. They traded solid punches in the center of the ring, and the round was about even.

The fifth canto saw Moore overwhelm the sluggish champ with a flurry of punches to the face. Mihara went down on all fours. He got up, but looked too shakey and groggy to fight back. He was being outpunched and outpowered by Moore when the bell came to his rescue.

The sixth round was fatal, and final. Mihara turned reckless and waged a face-to-face, do-or-die battle. The moment he tried a one-two, Davey's well-timed countering right exploded on his button..Mihara collapsed, his back flat on the deck, and barely beat the count. Davey swarmed all over him with combos, sending him, face first, down to the canvas. Rubber-legged and bleeding from the lower lip, Mihara rose again, and Moore connected with precision lefts and rights. A wicked left hook followed by a strong right sent Mihara down for the third round, and referee Carlos Berrocal declared Moore winner by a knockout.

"I feel like I'm on top of the world," said Moore. "I knew I would win from the first round on, or maybe from the time I arrived in Japan. Mihara was a game fighter, but I could hit harder and faster. Doctor check? No, no, I've nothing wrong with my body. I didn't get hurt at all."

"Mihara should have stuck to his hit-and-run tactics, as I instructed," said Tadashi's manager, Hitoshi Misako. "He got too nervous in front of the partisan fans and evaluated some of his clean hits too highly. He mixed it up unnecessarily as a result."

Mihara was far from a dejected loser. "I regret my poor showing," he eloquently said, "against the expectations of the Japanese people." "If I had mastered better body attacks," the result might have been different. He kept on coming forward, so I was forced to fight him toe-to-toe and took some good shots. I want to fight him again. I'll fight a different fight."

The new champ's first defense had already been arranged by Bob Arum of Top Rank, Inc,. who flew to Japan and jubilantly watched Moore take the title. Another witness was South African Charlie Weir, the man Moore will put his WBA title on the line against in Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg on April 24.

The winner of the Moore-Weir bout will probably face Tony (Baby Bull) Ayala in the near future. Then, people may pay attention to the junior middleweight division.

Katsuhiko Fukugomori, 117, eked out a close but unanimous decision over Hiroaki Kato, 117¾, 10. Scoring: referee Ken Morita and judge Takeaki Kanaya, both 98-97; judge Paul Field, 98-95. Fukugomori is now 8-7. Kato is 4-3.

Toshiaki Nakamoto, 130¾, stopped Takashi Otsuka, 130½, at 0:56 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Kazushi Maezawa, 132½, TKO'd Crocky Sugiyama, also 132½, at 1:40 of the second. Junichi Misawa, 127¾, polished off Impulse Kushimoto, also 127¾, at 2:09 of the first round. Keiji Fujimura, 114, stopped Hideki Kanai, 115, at 1:00 of the first round in the opener.

Telecast nationally through Fuji TV and by NBC in the U.S.

Co-promoted by Shin-Nippon Saito & Kimura and Misako Promotions. The WBA witness was Michael G. Mortimer of South Africa.

Japanese Fuji TV presented a "Golden Digest of Twenty Japanese World Champions" after the knockout. So, at least the Japanese TV viewers enjoyed the second part of the program.

Attendance—7,000

(02-02-82)

*JOE Y. KOIZUMI*

### *SPINKS-WASAJJA*
### *WBA Light Heavyweight Title*

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Perhaps the best that can be said for Mustapha Wasajja is that he seems like a real nice fellow. As a world-class boxer, however, he proved woefully inadequate. As the WBA's number-one contender, he was a hoax. Exactly how he attained such a lofty perch remains a matter of speculation, but, as someone commented immediately after Michael Spinks lowered the boom at 1:36 of the sixth round, "If the WBA keeps making guys like this number one, somebody is going to get killed."

The quality control boys at ABC-TV must have been smoking tea bags when they okayed this one for broadcast. The afternoon bout beamed live from the Playboy Hotel & Casino was pure garbage, despite Wasajja's 24-0-1 (seven kayoes) record. The Copenhagen-based Ugandan was, as one reporter put it, "strictly Danish pastry."

Spinks, making the second successful defense of his title, seemed to know exactly what he had in front of him. During the pre-fight hype, he insisted that he knew nothing about Wasajja (Who did?) and hadn't even bothered to look at films. He didn't need to.

The record indicated that Wasajja certainly wasnt a puncher, so everybody assumed that he had to be a fleet-footed boxer. Not so. He moved like a novice, lunging hopefully with his punches. At first, Spinks could hardly believe his luck.

"I saw his style and I felt real good about myself right away," Mike admitted. "In the first round, he was falling for just about anything I wanted to do. He respected me, I think. A whole lot!"

A crackerjack left hook bounced off Wassajja's jaw in the first and Spinks quickly followed with more of the same. If nothing else, the challenger came equipped with a sturdy chin. He wanted to fight, he just didn't have anything to work with.

Following his good opening round, Spinks settled back for a while. You know Mike. Don't bother him and he won't bother you. It was that way until the fourth when the champ finally got down to business. Hard rights sunk into Mustapha's body, and the end loomed imminent. Few could stand up long under this sort of punishment.

More in the fifth set the stage for the brutal conclusion in the next round. A right stunned Wasajja and, as he slumped into the ropes, Mike leaped in with a pair of thunderous left hooks to the side of the face.

"I called the left hook," said Spinks later. "And it was the left hook that took him out of there for good." Almost too good.

Wasajja was helpless. He grasped the top rope with his right hand, a faraway look on his face. Referee Tony Perez moved in quickly, but not before two more hooks crashed home. After he stopped it, Perez tried to hold poor Mustapha up, but he crumpled to the canvas anyway, completely out of it. It was almost five minutes and whiffs of smelling salts before everyone could breathe a sigh of relief.

The loser was taken to Atlantic City Medical Center for overnight observation. His personal physician, Dr. Jorgen Huuson, attended the post-fight press conference and assured everyone that: "Wasajja didn't say anything about Spinks, but I think he will remember him for the rest of his life."

Next for Michael will be Murray Sutherland. Not the biggest payday in the world, but now that Saad Muhammad is gone, big paydays will be few and far between. Is a unification match with WBC king

Dwight Braxton on the immediate horizon? Apparently not.

"Who is Dwight Braxton?" asked Mike." "Another pretender? I don't know no Dwight Braxton." When the pot is sweet enough, he'll remember.

The scoring at the end of five was as follows: judge Humberto Figueroa (Panama), 50-46; judge Casear Ramos (Puerto Rico), 50-46; judge Waldemar Schmidt (Puerto Rico), 50-45—all in favor of Spinks.

Spinks, three-quarters of a pound lighter at 173¾, is now unbeaten in 19 pro outings, with 13 kayoes.

In the main support, Sutherland, 175, scored a pointless TKO over mismatched Chris Wells, 174, Orlando, Florida. Sutherland plastered Wells all over the ring before a knockdown prompted referee Larry Hazzard to call a halt at 2:36 of the first. Is this the sort of warm up needed before facing the likes of Spinks?

Pete McIntyre, 179, now billed out of New Orleans, TKO'd "Iron" Mike Shibelhood, 180¾, Akron, Ohio, at 1:04 of the opening round. McIntyre, on a good run of late, caught Shibelhood with a low blow and then knocked him down with a head shot before he could recover. That's not nice, Peter, but it worked.

Maybe the best looking light heavy on the card, outside of Spinks, was Wasajja's stablemate, John Odhiambo. He methodically took apart rugged Leo Rogers. 176, for a TKO at 1:18 of the sixth round. Odhiambo, 175¾, Kampala, Uganda, has only had about nine pro bouts, but already seems more capable than Wasajja. But then, Roger isn't Spinks, either.

James Shuler, 160, Phila., kayoed Jesus (Pecho) Castro, 161, Dominicn Republic (via N.Y.C.) at 2:58 of the fourth. Lefty Bernard McClean, 177, Brooklyn, scored a much needed win over Paul Talbot, 177, Halifax, Canada, with an eight-round split decision.

Prelim referees—Paul Venti and Larry Hazzard.

Prelim judges—Harold Lederman, Frank Brunett.

Promoter—Butch Lewis.

Attendance—1,500 (est.)

(02-13-82)

*NIGEL COLLINS*

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### *LEONARD-FINCH*
### *World Welterweight Title*

RENO, NEV.—The most celebrated, widely followed road show in modern boxing came to the city of Reno, with Sugar Ray Leonard and his fabulous boxing skills the focus of all the interest and commotion. For this production, financed by the Reno Convention Bureau, Bruce Finch from Las Vegas was served up as a challenger to Leonard's undisputed world welterweight title.

Eight minutes into the fight, Bruch Finch had been carved up, knocked down, bloodied, and left half conscious. Following three knockdowns, referee Mills Lane, at 1:50 into the third, saved Bruce Finch from sure oblivion.

It was no masterpiece for Ray Leonard, but then, what could W.B. Yeats do if he tried writing a poem about a turnip? What's more, there was no dramatic buildup for this fight. Bruce Finch was never given a chance, except by the promoters. Main Event Productions, who can be excused for their sales pitch, citing numerous recent upsets in boxing, because they were professional in every other way: Finch was rated number six by THE RING and number four by the WBC, and his manager, lawyer Keith Galliher, claimed to have discovered a flaw in the style of Ray Leonard. Now there was some big news! Galliher said, "Leonard locks his right hand after he throws his left hook. Our guy is ready to take advantage of that."

Bruce Finch, recently given the nickname "Lightin," may have wanted the title, but he had been told by the champion all along, "This is your chance to fight for the title, but you're not going to win it." With that said, Leonard went through the appropriate ticket selling. The posters said, "Reno's Got It," and, more than once, Leonard could not reist saying, "And Bruce is going to get it." Still, the fight stirred up more talk than has been heard in this town in a long, long time. A sellout crowd of 6060 (paying $502,850), jammed the Centennial Coliseum to witness Reno's first world title fight since Jack Johnson flattened Jim Jeffries in the 15th round on July 4th, 1910.

Leonard, 146, took command over the latern-jawed Finch, 147. as soon as he entered the ring. Leonard walked straight towards his opponent, smiling, but with poison in his eyes. He opened his robe, revealing his huge, shining metal world title belt. Finch got the message. He stayed in his corner and his expression seemed to indicate that he'd just realized he was in against the man who had wasted Tommy Hearns, Pete Ranzany, and Larry Bonds—the same three men who had scored knockouts over him. Add the names Duran and Benitez to the champion's credit, and, if Bruce Finch cared to think about it for a few seconds, he would surely have realized the fate that soon awaited him. Oddly, nine years earlier, "Lightin" Finch was beaten by Leonard in a midwestern amateur tournament. Finch remembered the fight. Leonard didn't.

Leonard allowed a round and a half for picture taking from the audience, considerate enough to spend equal time facing each section of the crowd. Leonard, in black trunks with gold stripes, made a few deliberate circles around the ring, starting in ring center, then retreating to the ropes, where he posed and invited his opponent to make threatening moves. Bruce could have postponed the inevitable and been more cautious, but, instead, he pressed forward, throwing punches, and he can tell his children and his grandchildren, and everyone in between, that he ripped some real hard shots (but not hard enough) against the body of the great Sugar Ray Leonard. All three judges gave the first round to Finch.

The challenger continued to press forward in round two. Leonard was gracious about it all, that's for sure. This was just Reno, Nevada, a crackling little city, filled with hurly-burly, 4,000 feet up in the mountains, and the deal the city Convention Bureau bought was Ray Leonard in a crackling little fight. The champion, if examined closely, is an honest man. And a terrific hitter. Finch was hurt as soon as Leonard began punching back. The challenger went down twice in the second round, then staggered to his corner at the bell. He slumped on his stool, his head ringing and a dismal look in his eyes. Blood dripped from his nose.

"Once I hurt a guy the rest is history," Leonard said later. In the third round, a still dizzy Finch collapsed under the impact of a short left hook. Up at nine, and tottering, referee Mills Lane had seen enough. Finch was returned to his corner, consoled by his $85,000 purse. His record is now 28-4-1. Leonard walked off with 1.4 million, paid in part by Home Box Office.

Following the bout, referee Lane said, "I asked Finch, 'do you want to go on?' and he didn't answer. He was looking over my shoulder. His eyes were dilated. He was not comprehending anything I was saying. So I stopped it."

Sitting at ringside was Roger Stafford of Philadelphia, and he will get his chance at Leonard in a few months. Stafford, who recently upset Pipino Cuevas, was very critical of the challenger. "Finch looked like he was scared and didn't know what he was doing," Stafford said. "He looked bewitched, behooved, and baffled. He didn't seem like "Lightin' " to me. Sugar Ray is a great fighter, but I think I can fight with him. I won't make mistakes. And I'm not going to get psyched out. I wasn't afraid of Cuevas and no one gave me a chance against him. I don't want to say exactly how I'll fight Leonard. I'll have some surprises ready for him. The main thing is, I'n not going into the fight afraid.

Leonard, now 32-1, has won 10 of his last 11 fights by knockout. He is maturing as a fighter, and may in fact be at the prime of his career. Following the one-sided show, Leonard stayed long enough to deliver some post-fight commentary. "What did you learn from this fight?" he was asked. "I learned how to knock him out," Leonard said, under his breath, then he got serious. "He never hurt me. I could see that he punches straight out—a stiff punch, but not really hard. He had me against the ropes. I wanted him here, to see how much power he had. I'm very good on the inside, and I saw where he was open to a left hook to the head. He stands straight up and has long arms, so I had to punch around his arm—a right to the body—to open him up. A right to the body, a left to the head—that's what worked. He came out fast, and I was surprised at that. Few guys start that fast against me. This was a good chance for Bruce Finch, an opportunity to make some money. That's what we all came here for. I trained hard, and I want to keep busy."

On the undercard, Franco Torregoza, 122, Stockton, California, scored a unanimous decision over world-rated Derrick Holmes, 121, Washington, D.C., eight. The judges scored it 76-74, 77-73, and 76-75. In a 10-rounder, Victor Abraham won a split decision over Frankie Davis. Abraham, 146, Los Angeles, pushed his record to 23-12 with his win over Davis, 144, Reno. In another bout, Carson City heavyweight Mark Lee, 211, knocked out Dee Jay, 212, Los Angeles, in 2:12 of the second.

In a six-rounder, Carlton Sparrow, 133, Las Vegas, defeated Tony Villa, 133, Tucson, Arizona. Finally, O'Dell Hadley, 156, L.A., scored a unanimous decision win over Harvey Solomon, 159, Bakersfield, eight.

(02-15-82)

*CHRISTOPHER COATS*

# WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

## HEAVYWEIGHTS
Billy Aird beat Larry McDonald, 10
Gerrie Coetzee kayoed Fossie Schmidt, 3
Mark Lee kayoed Dennis James, 2
William Hosea stopped Larry Givens, 2
Stefan Tangstad halted Mann Banks, 2
Harvey Steichen stopped Ed Turner, 6
Arnold Sam kayoed David McCann, 3
Randy Stephens beat Theunis Kok, 8
Ossie Ocasio outpointed Robbie Williams, 15
(For WBA Cruiserweight Title)
Gordon Ferris halted Stuart Lithgo, 2
Neville Meade stopped Rick Keller, 6

## LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Michael Spinks knocked out Mustapha Wasajja, 6
(Retained WBA Title)
Leroy Murphy iced Charles Presswood, 1
William Brigham halted Bilal Muhammad, 1
Carlos DeLeon stopped Marvin Camel, 7
(Retained WBC Cruiserweight Title)
Danny Lawford iced Steve Lewin, 1

## MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Tony Sibson beat Dwight Davison, 12
Thomas Hearns knocked out Marco Geraldo, 1
Alex Ramos halted Charles Hecker, 8
Frank Fletcher outpointed Tony Braxton, 12
(Retained USBA Title)
Mardo Roybal iced Mike Hutchinson, 1
Teddy Mann outscored Jamal Arbubakrr, 10
Ronnie Ford stoped Adolfo Rivas, 3
Roy Gumbs stopped Glen McEwan, 13

## JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Rocky Mattioli knocked out Abraham Lara, 2
Rocky Mattioli halted Rudy Barro, 2
Graylin Curry beat J.J. Cottrell, 10
Humberto DeLos Rios kayoed Raphael Capatillo, 9
Mario Tineo beat Xavier Garcia, 8
Odell Hadley outpointed Harvey Salomon, 8
Tony Ayala halted Nat King, 4
Anthony Releford stopepd Tony Gonzalez, 2
Brian Anderson beat Mick Morris, 8
Richard Wilson halted Dennis Sheehan, 4

## WELTERWEIGHTS
Sugar Ray Leonard stopped Bruce Finch, 3
(Retained World Title)
Victor Abraham beat Frankie Davis, 10
Anthony Releford iced Ray Carter, 1
Jack Alvarez stopped Adolfo Mendoza, 2
Eduardo Chita Ruiz kayoed Marino Alabarca, 8
Rocky Kelly beat Dave Sullivan, 6
Dave Allen beat Tommy Davitt, 8

## Amateur Ratings

**SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT**
1-Tyrone Biggs, Philadelphia
2-Warren Thompson, Baltimore
3-Johnny Keys, San Francisco
4-Craig Payne, Livonia, Mich.
5-Brian Westmoreland, St. Louis
6-Jesse Ferguson, Kaneohe, Haw.
7-Kevin Sheeley, Proctor, Minn.
8-Andy Stokes, Lafayette, Ind.
9-Tony Robitaille, Burlington, Vt.
10-Matt Belcher, Everett, Wash.
Nick DeLong, San Jose, Calif.

**HEAVYWEIGHT**
1-Michael Arms, Milwaukee
2-Woody Clark, Army
3-Mark Mahone, Navy
4-Alfred Guzman, Fort Worth
5-Pisa Finai, Salt Lake City
6-Joe Fitzpatrick, Portland, Ore.
7-Greg Stallings, Trenton, Tenn.
8-Orice McGee, Detroit
9-Charles Simmons, Phoenix
10-Loi Faaeteete, San Francisco

**178 LBS.**
1-Johnny Williams, Chicago
2-Dary Sampy, Carencro, La.
3-Benny Heard, Augusta, Ga.
4-James MacDonald, Grand Blanc, Mich.
5-Clifford May, Council Grove, Kans.
6-Bill Trendley, St. Louis
7-Lloyd Murphy, El Paso, Tex.
8-Jerry Goff, Saucier, Miss.
9-Ben Gordon, Hattiesburg, Miss.
10-Jesse Shelby, Honolulu
Porfirio Llanes, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**165 LBS.**
1-Michael Grogan, Atlanta
2-Randy Smith, Chicago
3-Dennis Milton, New York City
4-Andy Schott, New Paltz, N.Y.
5-Arthelli Lawhorn, Detroit
6-Dexter Harris, Baltimore
7-David Rabon, Broussard, La.
8-Emilio Amantine, Army
9-Rodney Green, Detroit
10-Mike Francois, San Mateo, Calif.
Alex Coronado, Tulare, Calif.

**156 LBS.**
1-Alfred Mayes, St. Louis
2-John Jackson, Seattle
3-James Rayford, Navy
4-Jack Padia, Penngrove, Calif.
5-Luis Melendez, Lubbock, Tex.
6-Bobby McCorvey, Army
7-Steve Johnson, Hutchinson, Kans.
8-Darrow Dudley, Plainfield, N.J.
9-Joe McKnight, Lafayette, La.
10-Charles Campbell, Knoxville
Andrew Fortune, Landover, Md.

**147 LBS.**
1-Mark Breland, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2-Roman George, Lafayette, La.
3-Darryl Robinson, Houston
4-Louis Howard, University City, Mo.
5-Floyd Peavy, Glen Falls, N.Y.
6-Vincent Boulware, Philadelphia
7-Vincent Releford, Fort Worth
8-Frank Tate, Detroit
9-Albert Sanchez, Albuquerque
10-Glen Corbus, San Jose, Calif.
Brenner Bonene, Marines

**139 LBS.**
1-Vincent Webb, University City, Mo.
2-Cedric Rose, Dallas
3-Henry Hughes, Bedford Heights, Ohio
4-James Mitchell, Army
5-Jerry Page, Columbus, Ohio
6-Zack Padilla, Azusa, Calif.
7-Timmy Raban, Broussard, La.
8-Joe Romero, Salt Lake City
9-Jeffrey Geter, Navy
10-Tim Christensen, Marines
Eddie Osborne, Sacramento, Calif.

**132 LBS.**
1-Vincent Pazienza, Cranston, R.I.
2-Charlie Brown, Silvis, Ill.
3-Donnie Branch, W. Carrolton, Ohio
4-Andre Smith, Los Angeles
5-Rey Ordonio, Suisun City, Calif.
6-Brett Summers, Marysville, Wash.
7-Kenny Taylor, Cleveland
8-Garry Martin, Detroit
9-Vinnie Hines, Salt Lake City
10-Mark Harrison, Pontiac, Mich.
Jamie Williams, Marines

**125 LBS.**
1-Shelton LeBlanc, Carencro, La.
2-Dino Ramirez, Los Angeles
3-Clifford Gray, Boynton Beach, Fla.
4-James Cooper, St. Louis
5-Guadalupe Suarez, Corpus Christi, Tex.
6-Orlando Johnson, Chicago
7-Roberto Franco, Corpus Christi, Tex.
8-Harold Knight, Plainfield, N.J.
9-John Collins, Jackson, Tenn.
10-Steve Hindi, Albuquerque

**119 LBS.**
1-Bernard Gray, Boynton Beach, Fla.
2-Tony Pruitt, St. Louis
3-Robert Shannon, Edmonds, Wash.
4-James Johnson, Washington, D.C.
5-Benji Vigil, Denver
6-David Gauvin, Fall River, Mass.
7-Guadalupe Gutierrez, Turlock, Calif.
8-Vern Larvie, Rapid City, S.D.
9-J.L. Ivey, Detroit
10-Herbie Bivalacqua, Marrero, La.
Esteban Pierret, New York City

**112 LBS.**
1-Jesse Benavides, Corpus Christi, Tex.
2-Fred Perkins, Army
3-Tony Montoya, Salt Lake City
4-Ronnie Rentz, Albuquerque
5-Larry Gary, Phoenix
6-Darrell Savoy, Carencro, La.
7-Ronald Freeman, St. Louis
8-Reggie Robinson, Houston
9-Michael Green, Plainfield, N.J.
Michael Miles, Air Force

**106 LBS.**
1-Steve McCrory, Detroit
2-Jose Rosario, Jersey City, N.J.
3-Brian Jones, Philadelphia
4-Dolphin Moody, St. Louis
5-Joe King, Washington, D.C.
6-Paul Gonzales, Los Angeles
7-Les Fabri, Seattle
8-Mario Lesperance, Vallejo, Calif.
9-Terry McNeal, Wilmington, N.C.
10-Ricky Romero, Santa Ana, Calif.
Mark Broadway, Marines

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## JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Johnny Bumphus kayoed Marvin Jenkins, 2
Steve Hearon halted Ernesto Herrera, 3
Edwin Viruet stopped Ernest Bing, 8
Trevor Evelyn edged Larry Stanton, 10
Irleis Perez halted Jose Sanchez, 2
Darryl Cottrell knocked out Mando Cordoza, 3
Monroe Brooks outpointed Danny Favella, 10
Mike Bromby decisioned Tommy Thomas, 6
Delroy Pearce drew with Mike Clemow, 6
Clinton McKenzie kayoed Steve Early, 4
Gary Knight beat Randy Henderson, 6
Lloyd Christie halted Martin McGough, 3
Neville Wilson stopped Steve Buttle, 5

## LIGHTWEIGHTS
Alexis Arguello knocked out James Busceme, 6
(Retained World Title)
Art Frias won by disqualification over
Ernesto Espana, 9
(Retained WBA Title)
Ruben Munoz stopped John Morgan, 2
Edwin Luis Rivera beat Kato Wilson, 8
Roosevelt Rico kayoed Willie Daw, 4
Jimmy Blevins halted Jaime Nava, 9
John Trombino kayoed Steve Clarence, 2
Eddie Copeland beat Eric Wood, 8
Tony Willis halted Tony Carroll, 5

## JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Chris Sanigar stopped Adey Allen, 7
Eddie Martin halted Roosevelt Rico, 4
Reggie Watson stopped Pascual Aranda, 4
Richard Lord halted Jerry Coolidge, 7

## FEATHERWEIGHTS
Loris Stecca stopped Cucu Palamantez, 3
Loris Stecca won by disqualification over
Baltazar Arroyo, 1
Steve Cruz halted Ali Akar, 2
Clyde Ruan outpointed Jarvis Greenidge, 8
Steve Topliss beat Mark West, 6

## JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Franco Torregoza beat Derrik Holmes, 8

## BANTAMWEIGHTS
Chul Ho-Kim stopped Koki Ishiik, 8
(Retained WBC Jr. Bantamweight Title)
Marcelo Beckford and Marcos Tunon drew, 8
Celso Chavez halted Jose de la Cruz Lopez, 9
Ricardo Abila kayoed Antonio Perez, 2
Reuben Doiminquez stopped Manuel Martinez, 3
James Pipps knocked out Humberto Rodrigeuz, 6
Richard Sandoval stopped Ronnie Cisneros, 4
Gordon Haigh beat Mike Willis, 6

## FLYWEIGHTS
Amado Ursua kayoed Hilario Zapata, 2
(Won WBC Jr. Flyweight Title)
Leonardo Paredes and Carlos Orobio drew, 8

# RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

## NORTH AMERICA

## UNITED STATES

### CALIFORNIA

▲ **SACRAMENTO**—In one of the best shows in years, local fighters Richard Savala and Joe Guevara each captured a state boxing title in a double main-event before a beserk crowd at the Civic Auditorium.

Undefeated Savala, now 20-0, won a unanimous decision over 12 brutal and bloody rounds, beating rugged Renan Marota for the vacant state junior lightweight title. The bout was a fight fan's dream. Both men fought furiously and neither would let up. Later, Savala, just 21 years old, would say, "He's the toughest I ever fought, that's for sure. I'm glad it's over. He's a tough mother who knows every trick in the book."

Marota, a 29-year-old transplant to south Los Angeles from Nicaragua, had a reported record of 65-7 going into the bout. From the start, Marota tried to rough Savala up, and in return was treated rudely, as Savala repreatedly nailed him with low punches and elbows in the face. But Marota would always come back and show his talent for rule-breaking, once smashing Savala with a roundhouse punch a good four seconds after the bell. It was that kind of fight, savage from start to finish, and the customers ate it up in a frenzy.

Later, Marota said, through his interpreter and trainer-manager, Ramon Rodriguez, "I am very disappointed. I think I won it. He's not as tough as he says, even though he did hurt me in the fourth round. But I hurt him, also. The referee was against me from the start. I deserve a rematch."

Savala, who received a bad cut over his right eye in the fifth, continually met Marota head-on, and, though he had to wipe blood off of his face for the last six rounds, held the edge in most of the rounds.

Referee Pros Montano, who ruled the cut on Savala's eye a result of a butt, voted 119-110 for Savala. Judges Terry Smith and Hank Elespuru saw it 118-111 and 117-112, respectively, for the 130-pound Savala. Marota, 129½, may well come back for another street fight with the local hero.

In the other 12-rounder, Joe Guevara, also of Sacramento, won the state featherweight title with an impressive ninth round knockout of Robert Anderson, Phoenix, Arizona. After a five year lay-off, the 26-year-old Guevara is on something of a comback.

Anderson, a 19-year-old featherweight, is six feet tall and a southpaw. Guevara dominated the action, although, in the early rounds, he had difficulty landing sharp punches. Guevara, now 18-4 with 10 knockouts, is 4-0 since returning to the ring.

Surprisingly, Guevara later said, "I really thought I was losing the fight and needed a knockout to win. It took me a while to figure him out, but I guess I finally did. I kept hitting him with rights and then I decided to try the left hand. It obviously hurt him."

Six years ago, Guevara was the state bantamweight champion and a solid draw in fight-happy Sacramento. But then he skipped town, against the advice of Babe Griffin, the promoter who had built him up. Guevara, in search of instant fortune, suffered knockout loses to Carlos Zarate and Wilfredo Gomez. Just 21 years old, he retired. Washed up, the newspaper writers said. Guevara joined the Marines.

"Joe is 18-0 on my cards," said promoter Griffin. "Joe got on a losing streak when he left me five years ago. But his knockout of Anderson was sensational. No question. It was a devastating punch. Joe's experienced. I've always liked him."

Don Fraser, new executive officer of the State Athletic Commission, was an enthusiastic supporter of the successful card. A former matchmaker in Los Angeles, Fraser knows boxing from the inside. According to Fraser, there will likely be many more state title fights sanctioned by the commission. One possibility, Joe Guevara against Marota, the loser to Savala. And, eventually, Guevara against Savala.

In the preliminaries, Wayne Griffin, 125½, Sacramento, won a split decision over Paco Gomez, 125½, San Jose, six. Mario Savala, 111½, Sacramento, knocked out Jimmy Harrison, 112¼, Phoenix, at the end of the third in a scheduled six-rounder. Finally, Jim Donnelly, Sacramento, 148, won a split decision over Leland Hart, 144, Sacramento, six.

A crowd of 2,795 paid $19,651. A Babe Griffin promotion.

▲ **SAN JOSE**—Boxing has been dead in this city for ten years. It went out with a smell, and, despite occasional cards over the years, it was not until the past few months that the sport appeared to be on the comeback.

It was the third show in three months by promoters J & J Sports, and 1,334 customers paying $12,333 made it profitable as well as exciting. The five-bout card was built around three local fighters, and all came away with victories.

In the ten-round main event, Ricci Wynne, 148, San Bruno, won a majority decision over veteran Rudy Barro, 150¼, Stockton, in a hard, tough fight. Seven years younger than the 30-year-old Barro, Wynne could not match the former world rated Filipino in experience or boxing skills, but he did what he had to do: he outhustled his opponent to get the win. Both fighters were staggered more than once, and the crowd loved it. Referee Dick Ralls and judge Jack Downey both voted 99-92 for Wynne, while judge Bob Mitchell saw it 96-96, a draw.

Barro is no slouch, and, though often beaten, he possesses durability and heart and still puts up a tough fight. Barro has lost to Hearns, Ranzany, DeJesus, Muangsurin, and Alfonso Frazer. He has beaten Babs McCarthy, Jimmy Heair, Andy Price, and Leroy Haley, among others. Though Rudy Barro is on the fade, Wynne deserves credit for what was just his 13th professional fight.

The undercard was made of four six-rounders, and, though last minute hassels forced the promoters to use some out-of-town substitutes, local fighters Pinky Rivera and Jerry Lewis scored knockouts. The promoter, and L.A. matchmaker Ernie Fuentes, also have big plans for junior welterweight Sal Lopez, a transplant from Sacramento with plenty of all-around talent.

The most popular fighter on the card was Pinky Rivera, a 21-year-old former amateur star. Rivera, 122, stopped game Martin Hernandez, 122, Los Angeles, when the referee halted the fight at 1:59 of the fourth.

In other bouts: Jerry Lewis, 132, San Jose, iced Rosendo Valdez, 130, L.A., in 53 seconds in the second. Steve Romero, 128½, Stockton, blasted Jose Gomez into a heap at 0:32 of the first. Finally, Alberto Romero, 169, Stockton, won a unanimous decision over Joe Garcia, 168, L.A., in a crude but action fight.

CHRISTOPHER COATS

### CONNCTICUT

▲ **HARTFORD—Civic Center Coliseum**—If unbeaten Marlon Starling, were a crap shooter, one would say he made his point the hard way. At 148, the Hartford welter scored his 20th consecutive victory, a unanimous 10-round decision over spoiler Danny (Mad Dog) Paul, 148½, Detroit.

Combine a five-month lay-off (broken jaw) with a tanacious foe clinging closer than a Siamese twin, and you have Marcus robbed of his Magic Man act before a crowd intermittenly spiking the air with scattered boos. Starling fell into his foe's style by crowding him and taking the blows inside, then falling into clinches.

Shaking up his rival with a left hook to the jaw as the second round closed, and ushering in the eighth frame with a cluster of crisp shots, "Moochie" electrified his home city folks with an all-out bid for a kayo in the 10th. Staggered by a right to the jaw, Paul benuflected, but popped right up. Starling stepped in with both fists flashing in the type of assault that had gained his 12 knockouts. It didn't work this time. Paul closed in, fought back gamely, and "Moochie's" magic act was aborted by his weariness.

Marcus won, but it was closer than two of the three officials' cards might imply. Referee Duke Lawson had it 7-0-3, judge Sam Maltempo carded 9-1-0, and judge Bob Muravnick saw it a sane 6-2-2. *The Ring* scored it 6-4.

Luis Invicola, 142, New York, won a split decision over Marcus Starks, 143, Hartford, eight. Referee Maltempo's one-point margin got Luis the nod.

Mark Mainero, 159, Boston, outscored Herb Wilens, 160, Gaithersburg, Md., eight. Mainero's bang-bang assaults, sparked by lightning reflexes, produced the best bout on the card.

Harold Rice, 268, Hartford, stopped Chuck Johnston, 258, Buffalo, in the second round of a battle of blubber.

Robert Folley, 174, Hartford, made his pro debut by knocking out Art Lowe, also 174, Boston, in 0:39 of the first. Robert is the son the late Zora, and his classy punching style furfaced in this brief display.

Miguel Quiles, 129, Hartford, stopped Loint Smith, 130, Hartford, in three.

Danny Macaruso, 185, Providence, halted Curtis Whitner, 191, Boston, in the first.

Timekeeper—Lou Dell.
Promoter—Lou Tallarita.
Announcer—Bob Steele.
Attendance—3,281. Gross—$48,140.
(01-29-81)

▲ **WEST HARTFORD—Stage West**—New England light heavyweight champion Marcus Jackson, 176, Hartford, knocked out Lindsay Page, 181, Trenton, N.J., with a 12-inch short left hook that exploded on his jaw in the second round of their non-title feature. Page was out for over a minute.

Dr. Stanley Stein, the ringside physician, leaped into the ring and, with referee Lou Bogash, aided the fighter, who left the scene without assistance.

Former world featherweight champion Willie Pep, representing the state's athletics division, presented a bejewelled championship belt to Jackson, who had won the regional title in the same ring eight months before in his last fight.

Papo Figueroa, 144, Hartford, stopped a reluctant Quadia Hart, 146, Newark, in the second round of a scheduled eight. Hart's own cornermen were disgusted, one tossing a towel high in the air when Hart clutched his tummy after being hit on the head.

Julio DeJesus, 127, Holyoke, Mass;. outpointed Manuel Dearce, 129, Hartford, six. *The Ring* tabbed it a draw.

Rafael (Lefty) Lopez, 131, Providence, stopped Andy Russell, 210, Portland, Maine, in four. This was Danny's second kayo here in 13 days.

Francisco Lopez, 121, Providence, halted Walter Gallman, 123, in Newark, in the first.

Officils—Lou Bogash, Walt Longo, Bob Muravnick.
Timekeeper—Jack LaSalle.
Knockdown Timer/Announcer—Lou Dell.
Attendance—400. Gross—$2,900.
(02-10-82)

JOE CASSANO

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

▲ **WASHINGTON—D.C. Armory**—Five live bouts supported the Ali-Berbick closed circuit telecast.

Michael Staton, Washington, D.C., made his pro debut by outpointing "Big Mac Attack" McConnell, Landover, Md., heavyweights. McConnell is now 2-1.

Herb (Hebrew Hitter) Wilens, Gaithersburg, Md., kayoed George Coates, Washington, D.C., with a right hand in the second round. Wilens is now 6-2-1 with four kayoes. Coates is 2-2. They're junior middles.

Lloyd (Honeyboy) Taylor, Washington, D.C., knocked out Aaron Caldwell, Washington, D.C., in the fifth round, welters. Taylor is now 8-0 with seven kayoes. Caldwell is 1-1.

Kenneth Baysmore, Washington, D.C., made his pro debut by knocking out fellow debutant Ronald Holland, Washington, D.C., in the second. Baysmore, the 1979 National Golden Gloves champ, showed a good jab and good power.

Michael Boxdale, the 1980 D.C. Golden Gloves champ, made his pro debut by knocking out the grossly overweight Ellery Jester (1980 Fort Dix U.S. Army champ, also making his pro debut) in 0:30 of the first. Jester, Seaford, Delaware, was listed at 250 but looked closer to 350. Boxdale was marked down at 200 pounds.

Referees—Joe Bunsa, Sylvester Stevens.
Sports Promotions, Inc.
Attendance—4,300.
(12-11-81)

JOHN SCHEINMAN

### FLORIDA

▲ **FT. LAUDERDALE—War Memorial Auditorium**—Tony Green, 178, blitzed Florida State light heavyweight champion Leon McDonald, 174, in 2:58 of the first round. Bernie Soto, referee.

Jose Riblita, 202, Miami, made his pro debut by halting J.C. Richardson, 218, Belle Glade, at 2:00 of the first.

Juan Arroyo, 133, Miami, knocked out Juan Garcia, 138, Miami, in 2:10 of the first round in a scheduled six. This was Arroyo's seventh fight without a loss since he turned pro. Juan is 17.

Willie Wiggins, 146, Ft. Lauderdale, won a hard fought verdict over Artie Johnson, 142, Ft. Lauderdale.

Larry Byrd, 144, Miami, outscored Junior Bethel, 145, Miami, four.

Jerry Campbell, 118, Miami, TKO'd Cash Mounmuhava, 116, Honolulu, at 1:30 of the third round.

Pugistic Promotions (Hank Kaplan and Ramiro Ortiz).
Attendance—1,850.
(01-20-82)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Convention Hall**—Mal de la Rosa, 147, Dominican Republic, won the American Continental welterweight title with a close but unanimous decision over defending champ Rafael Piamonte, 144½, Colombia, 12.

Pedro Laza, 135, Cuba, won the vacant American Continental lightweight title with a unanimous verdict over Juan Carlos Maltes, also 135, Chile, 12.

Johnny de la Rosa, 130, Mao's younger brother, TKO'd Terry Pizzaro, 124, Miami, at 1:30 of the first round. Jorge Prendas, 129, Costa Rica, stopped Ray Dennis, also 129, Ft. Lauderdale, who was unable to come out for the sixth and final round. Jose Medina, 137, Miami, TKO'd Kalvin Edmunds, 140½, Miami, TKO'd Charley Jones, 139, Miami, at 2:03 of the second.

Tuto Enterprises. Felix Zabala, promoter.

Attendance—1,500.

(01-22-82) LOUIS ZIPKIN

## ILLINOIS

▲ **RIVER GROVE—Triton College**—Johnny Lira, 140, Chicago, TKO'd Marion Thomas, 142½, Indianapolis, at 2:04 of the third round in the scheduled 10-session main event.

Lenny LaPaglia, 162½, Melrose Park, Indiana, TKO'd Mark Hughes, 157, Kansas City, Mo., in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.

Ephriam Bennett, 146¼, won a unanimous decision over Tom Terrantino, 146½, Memorial Falls, Wisc., eight.

Cleophis Landrum, 156, Chicago, TKO'd Burgess Scruggs, 153, Indianapolis, at 0:26 of round three in a scheduled six.

Rour-rounders: Jeff Gettemy, 148, Chicago, won a split decision over Alex Miceli, 146½, Chicago. Sam Alvelo, 142, Chicago, TKO'd Terry Russell, 143, Chicago, with a terrific left hook in the first round. Andrew Ruiz, 135, Chicago, won a split decision over Henry Mobley, 134½, Chicago, in the opener.

Referees—Ed Stage, Stanley Berg.

Judges—Al Tremari, Jerry Hults, Howard Duncan, Mike Glienna.

Timekeeper—Kenny Kinch.

Ringside Physician—Dr. Jorge Tovar.

Promoter—Joseph Del Preto.

Attendance—829.

(02-12-82) BOB SODERMAN

## INDIANA

▲ **INDIANAPOLIS—The Sherwood**—The best bout of a good club show saw Archie Chamber, 135, Indianapolis, narrowly decision game Jerry Coolidge, 130, Minneapolis, four.

Victor Claar, 147, New Lisbon, Indiana, TKO'd Kenny Willis, 145, Indianapolis. Willis did not answer the bell for round three.

Mark Wickliff, 208, Indianapolis, iced Solomon Dollison, 210, Muncie, in 2:20 of the first round. Wickliff looked very sharp after a one-year hiatus from the ring.

Tommy Stevenson, 210, Indianapolis, TKO'd Jerry Hunter, 215, Louisville, at 1:02 of round four.

Burgess Scruggs, 155, Indianapolis, outpointed Dennis White, 156, Louisville, four.

Phil Bryant, 160, Muncie, outscored Mike Pollitt, 155, New Lisbon, four.

Tim Hall, 149, Anderson dropped Jerome Gaston, 154, Indianapolis, thrice in round two for an automatic stoppage at 1:08.

Promoter—Fred Berns.

Matchmaker—Pete Susens.

Attendance—350. Gross—$3,500.

(01-27-82) GARY L. MERRITT

## KANSAS

▲ **DODGE CITY**—Local heavyweight Les Meyer, 190, climbed off the canvas in the first round and picked veteran Ron Stander, Council Bluffs, Iowa, apart for a TKO at 0:32 of the sixth.

Meyer is now 10-0 with six straight knockouts. Stander is 41-16-1.

Ben Perez, 144, Dodge City, outscored Billy Reynolds, 139, Davenport, Iowa, four.

Mike Keitel, Wichita, kayoed Rowan Johnson, Memphis, in the first round, middles.

Gene Milo, 138, Dodge City, won a majority decision over Brian Allen, 148, Cimarron.

Wade Hampton, Dodge City, won a split decision over Andy Kendall, Boulder, Colorado.

Bruce Strauss outscored Charlie Susans.

Referee—Vern Miller.

Judges—Lee Finch, Rick Meyer, Bob Surber.

Promoter—Cliff Reiser.

Attendance—1,400. Gross—$11,500.

BOB SURBER

## MICHIGAN

**LANSING—Civic Center**—Martin Pierce, 168, moved his record to 4-1 with an upset unanimous decision over veteran Sammy Floyd, 162, Bay City, six.

Vernon Bridges, 196, Flint, TKO'd Paul Lloyd, 199, Lansing, in the second. Bridges is now 3-4. Lloyd is 4-1.

Brett Lally, 136, Westland, halted previously unbeaten Dan Montalvo, 135, Lansing, in the first round. Lally is now 2-0.

Hammnerin' Hank Nelson, 212, Lansing, knocked out Bill Hollis, Pontiac southpaw, in three to bring his log to 4-1.

William (Machine Gun) Key, 148, Grand Rapids, kayoed Kenny Payton, 145, Indianapolis, with a right hand in round two. Key is now 4-1.

▲ **KALMAZOO—Stan & Ollie's**—Marvin (The Earl of Vicksburg) Earle, 225, knocked out Vic Brown, 218, Toronto, in the third with a right hand. Earle is now 5-0-1.

Gary Burnett, 193, Grand Rapids, the man who held Earle to a draw, outscored veteran Chuck Warfield, 185, Chicago, four. Burnett is now 1-0-1.

Ralph Twinning, 140, Muskegon, knocked out Kenny Payton, 142, Indianapolis, in the first round. Twinning, is now 16-4.

Mel Twinning, 149, Muskegon, Ralph's brother, outpointed Mike Bell, 156, Indianapolis, four.

Joe Byrd, Jr., 176½, Flint, kayoed Harry Zeca, 184, Toronto, in the first frame. Byrd is now 5-1.

Former Kronk fighter Landress Buckley, 155½, won a tough decision over Kirk Blakely, 154½, Grand Rapids, four. Buckley is now 4-1. Blakely is 3-4.

William (Machine Gun) Keys, 148, Grand Rapids, won a unanimous decision over veteran survivor Lamont Hopkins, 151, Flint, six. Keys thus moved to 5-1 with his second victory in a week.

Professional Management Enterprises.

(12-21-81)

▲ **FRASER—La Notte Disco**—Six local fighters triumphed over six performers (I did not say boxers) imported from Cincinnati.

Jairocey Simpson, 217, Detroit, the former Toughman winner, made it 2-0 as a pro with a knockout over Charles Presswood, 200, Cincinnati, in 1:47 of the first round.

Steve (Animal) Flemester, 205, Detroit, made his pro debut with a TKO over Obie Rucker, 190, Cincinnati, at 2:07 of the first.

▲ **LANSING—Civic Center**—Three professional boxing matches rounded out the final night of competition in the Lansing Toughman Competition.

Hammerin's Hank Nelson, 212, Lansing, TKO'd Jess Brown, 210, Indianapolis, in the first round. Nelson is now 5-1.

Martin Pierce, 168, Lansing, TKO'd Maurice Pickford, Indianapolis, in the first round.

Willie MacIntosh, 136, Grand Rapids, and Bob Essex, 134, Indianapolis, drew, four. MacIntosh is now 10-5-2.

(01-16-82)

▲ **DETROIT—Cobo Hall**—Promoter John Yopp and All-Star Boxing presented the first Kronk Team card of the year with a main event that proved what I've been syaing all along: Milton McCrory is a figure to be dealt with. Displaying all the talent of a future world champion the 19-year-old welter turned in a well fought eighth round technical knockout victory over the favored 26-year-old Hollywood, Calif. veteran, Randy Shields, 147. McCrory, also 147, Detroit, left the ring looking as fresh as he had when entering.

McCrory opened strongly in the first two rounds, but discovered just how hard the slick Shields is to hit. In the fourth, a solid shot cut Shields over the right eye, and he was already suffering from a bloody nose. The fifth round saw McCrory scoring well with straight rights and good left hooks, but it was an accidental head collision that opened up a bad cut on Shields' left eyebrow.

The ring physician examined Randy after the seventh, and his corner wisely refused to let him go out for the eighth. It was a well fought fight, but the cuts on Shield's brows were getting bad and were reopening each round. McCrory, who was ahead on points on all cards after seven, is now 17-0—all kayoes. Shields is 38-8-1.

Jackie Beard, 128½, Detroit, the "Motor City Hawk," TKO'd Manuel Santos, 124¾, Puerto Rico, at 1:25 of the sixth. Beard is now 10-0.

Darrell (T.N.T.) Chamber, 147¾, Detroit TKO'd Aladino Castillo, 147, San Juan, P.R., at 1:39 of the second. Chambers is now 6-0, and may be another Kronk fighter to keep an eye on in the future.

Jimmy Paul, 139, Detroit, TKO'd Jerome McKenny 136¾, Kansas City, at 1:24 of the second. Paul is 8-0—all—kayoes.

Duane Thomas, 156½, Detroit, knocked out Fred Reed, 163, Chicago, in 2:10 of the first round. Thomas is now 14-0.

Ali Haakim, 223, Detroit, retained his Michigan State heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over seven-foot Mike (The Giant) White, Bay City. Haakim is now 13-0. White is 9-2.

David Pearl refereed the McCrory-Shield bout. Janks Morton had expressed interest in the winner meeting Sugar Ray Leonard, but Emanuel Steward and Milton McCrory feel they should have two or three more fights first. Milton felt that he was not as sharp as he should have been and wants what he feels is a good sharp outing before he gets in the ring with Leonard.

Attendance—6,000

(01-23-82)

DAVE HARTOON

## NEW JERSEY

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Bally's Hotel Casino**—Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini returned to the ring for the first time since his devastating loss to Alexis Arguello, quickly disposing of Manuel Abedoy at 2:08 of the second round in a scheduled 10. A left hook to the jaw sent Abedoy to the canvas for the full-count. Needless to say, Manuel is light-years away from Arguello, sort of a late Christmas present for the popular Mancini. He needed a confidence build and that's just what he got.

"It still hurts," said Mancini, in reference to the Arguello defeat. "It's in the back of my mind. It's going to be a long time before it leaves me."

Abedoy was just what the doctor ordered. A typical Mexican club fighter, he marched bravely into Mancini's guns and was blown to bits. A vicious body attack softened Manuel for the kill.

"We were throwing a flurry, and I threw a left hook to the belly," explained Mancini. "Then it was a left hook to the chin that dropped him. It was a little delayed reaction."

The win put Mancini in line for an elimination bout against former champ Ernesto Espana, with the winner to fight for the WBA title in April.

"We have already signed an agreement," said Mancini's manager, David Wolf. "We're lucky we were able to get so close so soon."

Both men were 136½ pounds, so Mancini's NABF title was not on the line. Ray is now 21-1, while Abedoy drops to 22-10-1.

Freddie Roach, 124½, Deham, Mass., scored a unanimous decision over Herman Ingram, 126, Newark, N.J., eight. Joe Manley, 133¾, Atlantic City, outpointed Mauri Saalakhan, 137, Washington, D.C., six. Randy Stephens, 193, Braceville, Ohio, TKO'd Rodell Dupree, 192, Jersey City, at 1:57 of the fourth. Luis Rivera, 147, Westville, N.J., TKO'd Xavier Biggs, 147, Phila., at 1:12 of the third.

The card was televised over the ESPN cable.

Referees—Larry Hazzard and Frank Capcino.

Attendance—1,500 (est.)

(12-26-81)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—John Capobianco, 181½, Huntington, L.I., looked lucky to gain a 10-round split decision over (Iron) Mike Scheiblehook, 180½, Akron, Ohio, in a dull maul. These guys showed no mobility whatsoever, and spent the entire night leaning on each other. Capobianco chugged forward and caught the judges' eye, while Scheiblehood smothered and countered. No rematch, please!

In the evening's comedy spot, John Myers, 143¾, Warren, Ohio, scored a majority decision over Jimmy Longo, 145, New Paltz, N.Y., eight. This, for want of anything better, was awarded "Fight of the Night," with the participants splitting an extra $500. The roly-poly Longo had the crowd on his side with his slap-dash attack, but Myers' left hook counters carried the verdict.

Harry Arroyo, 138¾, Youngstown, Ohio, TKO'd Roberto Munoz, Ponce, Puerto Rico, at 1:06 of the third. Arroyo, a fairly well-regarded prospect, scored a knockdown in the third shortly before the bout was terminated.

Juan Cruz, 130¾, blitzed Greg Augustine, 134, with three knockdowns in the first and one more in the second before referee Rudy Battle called a halt at 0:35 of the second. Cruz, a Puerto Rican fighting out of the Bronx, didn't seem to be punching that hard, but Augustine, Gerard, Ohio, looked a total dishrag, flopping down every time he got hit.

Billy Saunders, 176, Vineland, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Eugene Primes, 178¾, Akron, four.

Referees—Rudy Battle and Paul Venti

Promoter—Don Elbaum

Attendance—1,000 (est.)

(12-29-81)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Al (Earthquake) Carter destroyed late sub Eddie Richardson with three knockdowns for a TKO at 2:44 of the opening round in a scheduled 10. Carter used left hooks and straight rights in an impressive display of power punching. Richardson never knew what hit him.

"I'll fight anyone in the world, including Pryor," boasted Carter following his quicky win. The WBA junior welterweight champ, who watched the match from his ringside seat, didn't say whether Carter was on his agenda or not. Give Carter a little more seasoning and it might be a good scrap.

Carter, Alliance, Ohio, came in six pounds heavier than his adversary at 136. He was originally slated to box Antonio (Kid Can) Cruz, but Richardson, New Orleans, was pressed into service when Cruz fell out.

Albert (Steel) Mills, 154½, Plainfield, Ohio, won a split eight-round decision over Mike Richardson, 159½, Drayton, Ohio, that should have been ruled unanimous. This one was hard-fought on the inside, but Mills was a little too sharp with his hands for the crude, but strong, Richardson.

In the "Fight of the Night," Cincinnati's Tommy Ayres, 135, kayoed Mike Golden, 134½, Phila., at 2:04 of the sixth and last round. Ayres had the better of the early going, but Golden closed with a rush, threatening to pull it out until a savage left-right counter dumped him for the full count. Both men fought hard and deserved their $500 bonus.

Pablo Rivera, 138½, kayoed Mike Thomas, 139, Springfield, Mass., in 0:57 of the first. Rivera came out bombing and Thomas quickly folded. The crowd booed as Thomas took the full count. He did nothing to earn his purse. The winner hails from the Bronx.

Referees—Joe O'Neil and Frank Capcino

Judges—Milo Savage, Bill Carrozza

Promoter—Don Elbaum.

(01-05-82)

## UNITED STATES RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Gerry Cooney (New York)
2. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
3. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
4. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Pennsylvania)
5. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
6. James Tillis (Illinois)
7. Jimmy Young (Pennsylvania)
8. Leon Spinks (Missouri)
9. John Tate (Tennessee)
10. Larry Frazier (Washington)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jerry Martin (Pennsylvania)
1. Matthew Saad Muhammad (Pennsylvania)
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
3. James Scott (New Jersey)
4. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
5. Marvin Camel (Montana)
6. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
7. Jerry Celestine (Louisiana)
8. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
9. S.T. Gordon (California)
10. Vonzell Johnson (Indiana)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Dwight Davison (Michigan)
1. Wilford Scypion (New York)
2. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
3. Ray Seales (Washington)
4. Robbie Epps (New Mexico)
5. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
6. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
7. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
8. William "Caveman" Lee (Michigan)
9. Alex Ramos (New York)
10. Bernard Mays (Michigan)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Rocky Fratto (New York)
1. Tony Ayala, Jr. (Texas)
2. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
3. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
4. Bruce Johnson (Florida)
5. Tony Braxton (New Jersey)
5. Nino Gonzales (New Jersey)
7. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
8. James Green (New Jersey)
9. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
10. Kevin Morgan (Nevada)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Title Vacant
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
3. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
4. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
5. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
6. Bruce Finch (Nevada)
7. Randy Shields (California)
8. Donald Curry (Texas)
9. Mark Harris (New Jersey)
10. Ronnie Shields (Texas)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
1. Monroe Brooks (California)
2. Dujuan Johnson (Michigan)
3. Willie Rodriguez (Pennsylvania)
4. Steve Hearon (Texas)
5. Billy Costello (New York)
6. Bruce Curry (Texas)
7. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
8. Jorge Morales (California)
9. Sal Lopez (California)
10. Tony Baltazar (California)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
1. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
2. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
3. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
4. Edwin Viruet (Puerto Rico)
5. Curtis Harris (New Jersey)
6. Gonzallo Montellano (California)
7. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
8. Sean O'Grady (Oklahoma)
9. Frank Newton (Oklahoma)
10. Louis Hubela (New York)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
John Verderosa (New York)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Frankie Baltazar (California)
3. Bobby Chacon (California)
4. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
5. Irving Mitchell (California)
6. Johnny Sato (California)
7. Tony Santana (New York)
8. Hector Camacho (New York)
9. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
10. Hector Cortez (California)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Ruben Castillo (California)
1. Juan LaPorte (New York)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
4. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
5. Freddie Roach (Arizona)
6. Mark Davis (California)
7. Bernabe Montanez (Puerto Rico)
8. Rocky Garcia (California)
9. Jose Caba (California)
10. Alberto Collazo (Pennsylvania)

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Mike Ayala (New York)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Carmelo Negron (New York)
3. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
4. Nicky Perez (Arizona)
5. Franco Torregoza (California)
6. Derrik Holmes (Maryland)
7. Richard Savala (California)
8. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
9. Jose Canizales (Texas)
10. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
4. Richard Sandoval (California)
5. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
6. Mario Chavez (California)
7. George Garcia (California)
8. Ricardo Varela (California)
9. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)
10. Harold Petty (Texas)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Willie Jensen (Nevada)
1. Felix Castillo (Texas)
2. Joey Olivo (California)
3. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
4. Alonso Gonzales (California)
5. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
6. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
7. Ron Cisneros (Colorado)
8. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)
9. Steve Whetstone (Florida)
10. Jose Torres (Arizona)

The United States Ratings were compiled by the Editors of *Ring*, along with the tabulated ballots of the American panelists on *Ring*'s International Ratings Panel.

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Some stories are so bizarre they have to be true. Nobody could make them up. Take the excuse Don (Cobra) Curry used to pull out of his scheduled match with Kevin Howard, for example. Curry claims he was in bed watching TV and felt a cramp in his legs. He jumped up and did a few deep knee bends, precipitating a pulled hamstring. Okay Don, we'll believe you this time, but please be more careful in the future. This racket needs all the credibility it can muster.

The show went on anyway, with Boston's Dick Ecklund moving up from the undercard to face Howard in the main event. Howard, 147½, Phila., had problems with Eklund's movement and jabs, barely doing enough to score a split decision after 10 interesting, but hardly exciting, rounds.

Eklund, 146½, confused Howard by changing the direction of his retreat, but he was not in the best of condition and tired down the stretch. Kevin worked hard, jabbing to the head and forcing the fight all the way. If he had listened to his corner and worked the body, he might have done much better.

Judge Harold Lederman saw Eklund the winner, 5-4-2. He was overruled by referee Rudy Battle, 5-4-1 for Howard, and judge Richard Murry, who somehow gave Kevin an absurd 8-1-1 margin. Come on Rich, give us a break.

"It's distracting, having to fight two substitutes back-to-back," said Howard (he beat Robert Sawyer the last time out, who was a fill-in for Edwin Viruet). "It upset my whole plan. From my point of view, I'm not satisfied with my effort, but I'm satisfied with the result."

Howard, now 14-2-1 with eight kayoes, is an exasperating prospect. He shows so much promise, but has yet to really deliver. He wins, but unimpressively. Eklund, who slipped to 14-7, only four stoppages, is a smart boxer. He may have won this one with a bit more training.

Derrick Holmes, 119¾, Washington, D.C., scored a very unpopular majority decision over Ken Mitchell, 119¼, New York City, in an uneventful 10-rounder. Derrick still looks gunshy from the terrible beating he took from Wilfredo Gomez.

There was great action in the second round of a scheduled eight between Robert Sawyer and Ernest Jackson. After losing the first, Jackson (who took the match on five hours' notice) floored Sawyer with a hook to the head. Sawyer, 147, Washington, D.C., jumped up and nailed Jackson, 153, with a straight left from his southpaw stance. Down went Jackson. He beat the count, only to be quickly decked again with another left. He struggled up once more, but referee Rudy Battle stopped the mini-war at 2:32 of the round. Wow!

Philly's Mike (Brown Sugar) Brown, 129½, handed Ed Martin, 129, Fort Worth, Texas, his first taste of defeat in a brisk six-rounder. Martin tried all the way, but couldn't cope with Brown's better boxing and quick combos to the head. Each had their moments before Brown shrugged off a cut left eyebrow to take the nod by scores of 4-1-1 and 5-1 twice. Brown raised his log to 7-2, while Martin dropped to 8-1.

Dawud Shaw, 177, Phila., decisioned Willard (Pop) Nance, 178, Trenton, in the four-round opener.

The card was broadcast over the ESPN cable, with Randy Gordon and Sal Marchiano behind the mike.

Referees—Joe Cortez and Rudy Battle.
Judges—Richard F. Murry, Harold Lederman.
Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.
Attendance—850 (est.)

(01-07-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Brooklyn's Johnny Turner enjoyed a good workout at the expense of John Myers, scoring a TKO at 1:28 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Myers, a stationary target, showed little except heart and chin. Turner nailed him clean in every round, rocking him often, but never putting him down. Referee Frank Capucino had seen enough by the eighth and wisely called a halt.

Turner, 144¼, is looking for a match with Aaron Pryor. Myers, 143¼, Warren, Ohio, is looking for an easier way to make a dollar.

The short but sensational brawl between Frank Draper and Alvino Manson was voted the "Fight of the Night." In the second, Manson, 175¾, Indianapolis, floored Draper, 183¾, Toledo, with a left hook. Frank got up and, as Manson was rushing in for the finisher, nailed him with a hook of his own. Down went Manson. He, too, beat the count, but was lurching wildly and ref Ronnie Burns stopped the fight at 2:13, giving Draper a TKO victory.

Harry Arroyo, 140½, Youngstown, Ohio, scored a unanimous nod over Blas DesChamps, 145, Dominican Republic (via N.Y.C.), six. Trial-horse loser Des Champs gave Arroya all the fight he wanted, but faded late and was in trouble in the final round. All-in-all, a solid match.

In fours, Leon Drummond, 127, Easton, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Tony Gray, 124¼, Indy, and Shadeed Ah Rahman, 175, Newark, scored a unanimous duke over Charlie Tuttle, 176, Washington, D.C.

Referees—Ronnie Burns and Frank Capucino.
Judges—Milo Savage, John Stewart.
Promoter—Don Elbaum.
Attendance—1,200

(01-26-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Quick! Who was the last boxing prospect to come out of Sand Point, Idaho? Give up? So do we. There's one now, however. He's undefeated middleweight Jeff McCracken, who upped his record to 14 straight (12 kayoes) with an impressive eighth-round TKO over rugged Joe Tiberi.

Tiberi, a craggy campaigner with a solid punch, was supported by a large contingent of followers, but they were of little help—McCracken was just too strong. He stalked Joe relentlessly, throwing combinations whenever he trapped him along the ropes.

Tiberi, 157¾, Vineland, N.J., did land enough sharp punches to split Jeff's lip and open a small cut on the bridge of his nose. Never-the-less, McCracken kept plugging away and gradually wore his man down, finishing Joe with a blistering series of combinations at 2:09 of the eighth. The brave loser was still on his feet at the end, streaming blood from a gash freshly ripped over his left eye. The intervention by referee Rudy Battle was timely and uncontested.

McCracken, 160, will have to make some defensive adjustments before stepping up to world-class opposition. Like most white fighters, he fails to move his head or upper-body, making himself a wide-open target as he plods forwards.

Hot and cold slugger Mario Maldonado edged Al (Steel) Mills over eight thrilling rounds, taking a close, but unanimous, decision. It was a real war that brought many in the crowd to their feet in a well-deserved ovation at the sound of the final bell.

Malonado got off to a flying start, rocking Mills in the first and second. Then, in the third, Mario almost put Mills away when a roundhouse left-right combo decked Al for an eight-count. Mills somehow lasted the round and rallied back the remainder of the bout with a potent body attack, smothering Mario's outside strength as he forced him into the ropes time and again. Maldonado still scored occasionally with effective flurries, but never threatened to stop Mills again.

Down the stretch, they hammered away, with Mills looking the fresher of the two. Maldonado's early lead, however, was just enough for him to squeak home the winner by scores of 4-3-1 twice and 4-4 (with an extra point for the knockdown), making it unanimous.

Before the decision was read, it was announced that this pair will be rematched next month for the New Jersey 154-pound belt. They also shared a $500 bonus when the fight was unanimously chosen as "The Fight of the Night" by the ringside press.

Maldonado, 157, ran his log to 16-10-1 (nine kayoes), while Mills slipped a tad to 8-2 (five stoppages). Mario, who has a history of running low on gas, had better come into the rematch in top condition if he hopes to repeat over a longer distance for the state title. Mills, a lean 153¾, doesn't appear to have any stamina problems and could very well turn the tables next time. We will have to wait and see.

Camden prospect Mike Tinley, 158, blew out Reggie Johnson, 159, Cincinnati, for a knockout in 1:01 of the second. Keep an eye on Tinley.

Larry Flemming, 148¾, Cincinnati, was awarded a TKO at 0:27 of the second when Joshua King, 131½, N.Y.C., turned way and quit.

The weekly fight cards at the Tropicana seem to be picking up steam after a slow start. The near-capacity crowd for this bill produced the best stats since the series was initiated a few months back. Only their first show had cable TV support, so it is imperative that the fans turn out in force. They did, and were rewarded with an excellent evening of boxing.

Referees—Rudy Battle and Joe O'Neil.
Judges—Bill Kostrub, Milo Savage.
Promoter—Don Elbaum.
Attendance—1,500

(02-02-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Aldolfo Viruet was supposed to have fought Clint Jackson. When Jackson pulled up lame with a torn ligament, Guyana's Mark Harris (now living in N.Y.C.) was pressed into service with just 24 hours' notice. Looked like a relatively easy outing for Aldolfo. Not so. Harris upset that old applecart, scoring a fine 10-round split decision in a spirited clash.

Viruet fought his usual fight, bulling in behind his lefthanded stance and working the body inside. After a hesitant start, Harris, 149¾, began to meet Viruet's rushes with snappy right-hand counters. Encouraged by his success, Harris then took the fight to Viruet and the pair see-sawed for the remainder of the contest. It was a close fight, difficult to score, but referee Paul Venti gave it to Harris, 5-3-2, while judge John Stewart went the other way, seeing Viruet the winner, 5-4-1 (the same as *The Ring*). Judge Harold Lederman broke the stalemate with a 6-3-1 for Harris.

In a couple of boring eights, Larry Alexander, 234, Bronx, won a unanimous decision over Barry Funches, 202½, Queens, and Doug DeWitt, 159½, outpointed Danny Long, 158½, Boston, via a majority call. Both fights were honest endeavors, but failed to excite.

Billy Collins, Jr., 148¾, Nashville, Tenn., starched game Keith Corbett at 2:02 of the sixth and final round with a right to the top of the head. Corbett, 145¼, Elizabeth, N.J., was in the fight with a good chance to win when Collins lowered the boom.

In scheduled fours, Danny Cronin, 162¾, Boston, TKO'd George Lanton, 169, Haverstraw, N.Y., at 2:06 of the third, and Greg Washington, 133, Elizabeth, N.J., TKO'd Robert Johnson, also 133, Lakewood, N.J., at 1:02 of the second.

The card was televised over the ESPN cable.

Alternate referee—Frank Capucino.
Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.
Attendance—850 (est.)
(02-04-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**They almost never come back. And Cyclone Hart is no exception. Five years after he hung 'em up, Eugene Hart, once feared for his killer left hook, gave way to temptation and launched an ill-advised comback. It all ended rather badly, as "Tough" Tony Suero outslugged Hart for a TKO at 2:11 of the fourth round.

Cyclone's explosive, go-for-broke style had made him a big draw in Philly between the two golden eras of television. He wanted to try again; see if he had anything left. Sad to say, he hadn't. Poor old Cyclone (29, by his count) has been reduced to a bag of guts. Even sadder, is his wish to fight on. Say it isn't so, Gene.

Suero, a street-tough Italian from south Philly, came out mean, sneaking Hart with a quick right as they commenced. Cyclone cranked up his left hook pretty good to the body, but Suero lashed back with authority.

Hart, who had to sweat off a few pounds the day of the fight to make 162¾, still provides plenty of entertainment value. He went toe-to-toe with Suero in the third before a sweeping right knocked him over for an eight-count. Suero landed freely after that, but Cyclone dug in his heels and even managed to stall Tony briefly with a couple of hooks. At the bell, Hart looked all in, though.

Hart had nothing left in the fourth. Another flurry put him down and referee Frank Capucino decided that enough was enough. Nobody wanted the old warrior to get hurt.

For Suero, 160¾, it was a good win over an old name. He probably couldn't have lived with Cyclone in his glory days, but that doesn't matter now. Tony will go on to bigger paydays and Hart, if he insists on continuing, should be watched carefully. Let's not have the sad become the tragic.

Suero upped his record (compiled against decent competition) to 10-3-2 with six stoppages. Hart dropped to 30-9-1 with 28 kayoes. They shared the $500 bonus as "Fight of the Night."

Donny Long, who calls himself "The Master of Disaster," stretched Dennis Rivers, 213, Atlantic City, for the full-count at 1:29 of the first. A right, followed by a barrage of head blows, dropped Rivers in his corner. Long, 212¾, Akron, Ohio, had been held to a split decision by Rivers earlier this year.

Lefty Winfield Braithwaite, 148, Guyana (N.Y.C.), outpointed Jimmy (Shotgun) Muse, 148, Phila., in a dull sixer. Joe Manley, 140¾, A.C., TKO'd Terence Butler, 137½, Akron, at 2:03 of the fourth. Terry Silver, 138¾, Louisville, TKO'd Anthony DeShields, 141, Phila., at 2:23 of the second.

Another good house, at $10, $20, and $30, seemed to indicate that medium-budget cards can survive here without television.

Judges—Phil Newman, Tommy Kaczmarek.
Referees—Frank Capucino and Joe O'Neil.
Promoter—Don Elbaum.
Attendance—1,400.
(02-09-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**The first time around, old pro Rafael Rodriguez gave unbeaten Don King all the fight he could handle, losing an unpopular decision after 10 rounds of give-and-take. Youth was served in the rematch, however, as King pounded Rodriguez for a TKO at 0:31 of the ninth.

King, 154¾, Indianapolis, opened fast, rocking Rodriguez, 153½, in both the first and second. Rafael managed to delay the inevitable for a while with his cutes and a few sneak rights, but when King unloaded with a flurry of clean head shots early in the ninth, referee Rudy Battle had seen enough. Rodriguez was hung on the ropes, taking a beating. There was no protest from the loser's corner. He'd had enough and every one knew it.

King raised his log to 14-0, with one no contest. He's raw, but has some potential. The two fights with Rodriguez were just the sort of education needed to give him a little seasoning. Rafael is around 27-19-1.

The undercard was made up of five four-rounds. Some good, others poor.

Simon Brown, 139, Washington D.C., decisioned Rick Williams, 143¼, Elizabeth, N.J., in a fine punchout. This was probably the best fight of the night, although the main event edged it out in the voting for the $500 bonus.

In a real piece of trash, Gary Trovato, 221, Levittown, N.Y., bombed out "Big" Ben Johnson, 208¼, Phila., at 2:15 of the first. Trovato sold some tickets and was fed a stiff (record 1-8) to insure his return.

Rodney Watts, 133¼, Cincinnati, scored a unanimous decision over Fred Pendleton, 131, Phila., in a decent scrap between a pair of game youngsters.

Al Houck, 208¾, Minneapolis, scored a split decision over reluctant Allen Blanchard, 179¼, Pittsburgh. Blanchard ran, Houck chased, and nobody got hurt.

Maurice Blocker, 143¼, Washington, D.C., blasted out Leon Gardner, 144¼, Pittsburgh, for a TKO at 1:27 of the second. Body shots softened Gardner up and left hooks put him away.

Referees—Paul Venti & Rudy Battle.
Judges—Harold Lederman & Milo Savage.
Attendance—900 (est.)
(02-16-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—**Call it the luck of the Irish if you like, but Teddy (The Irish) Mann has scored four straight wins at this venue, none closer than tonight's split decision over Jamal Arbubakkr. Referee Frank Capcino voted for Arbubkkr, 5-3-2, but was overruled by judges Eva Shain and Richard F. Murry, who saw it for Mann, 6-4 and 5-4-1, respectively. Jamal was so upset by the decision (he's seen a lot of close ones go against him), he punched out a light fixture on the way back to the dressing room.

The fight itself was hard fought, if a little sloppy. Arbubakkr is a junk merchant—lots of motion, jive moves and slaps. With it all, he is still a pretty tough customer and a game competitor. He frustrated Mann through most of the middle rounds, landing a number of lefts as he ducked and dodged out of harm's way.

"He hit me real good with a left hook that stung me," admitted Teddy. "But I thought I won seven rounds. I was the aggressor."

Mann's trainer, Carmen Graziano, hissed at Capcino for having the audacity to see things a tad different.

"I'm going to make a statement—Frank Capcino should never referee another fight." Come on Carmen, it was a close fight and not that easy to score. *The Ring* did, however, agree with the verdict, giving Teddy an 5-4-1 edge on the strength of his rally the last three rounds.

At the conclusion, both were banged up à bit. Mann suffered his customary cut (this time over the right eye), while Jamal had a bloody nose and a swollen cheek. Mann, from nearby Forked River, is now a hard-fought 25-8 with 14 kayoes. Arbubakkr, Newark, is better than his 6-5-3 (one big kayo) record would indicate.

The fans were treated to lots of clean exchanges in the rugged semi-final, also scheduled for 10. Larry Stanton wore down late sub Herb Darity for a TKO at 1:38 of the sixth. Stanton was supposed to fight Jeff Passero, but Jeff pulled out and in came "Superb Herb."

Stanton, 143¼, Merrick, N.Y., took the fight to Darity, also 143¼, Hartford, Conn., with his usual heavy-handed attack. Herb punched back bravely, and although he never looked like winning, Larry knew he'd been in a rumble. Left hooks to the side dropped the tiring Darity twice in the fifth and referee Arthur Mercante wisely stepped in when the pounding continued the next round.

Stanton, who raised his record to 26-11-3 (15 stoppages), has always had trouble against world-class opponents, but, on the club level, he's hard to beat. Darity, probably not in the best of shape on such short notice, dropped to 12-3, with seven wins inside-the-distance.

Louis Rivera, 147½, Westville, N.J., cleaned up with Ricky "Way Too Tall" Johnson, 149½, Queens, N.Y., scoring a TKO at 1:29 of the second round. The long and lanky Johnson was hanging tough until Rivera nailed him with a nifty left-right. The combo sent Ricky down like he'd been shot. Although he beat the count, Capcino called a halt after several more bombs bounced off Ricky's head.

Sonny Crooms, 182, Phila., spoiled the pro debut of Chuck Sola, 174, Turnersville, N.J., scoring a TKO with two knockdowns in the first. Time: 1:16.

In a pair of stinko heavyweight bouts, Melvin Eppes, Brooklyn, upset Marty Capasso, 207½, Chester, Pa., via split decision over eight and Johnny Pitts, 195, Bridgeton, N.J., scored a majority nod over Roger Troupe, 206¾, now billed out of Cleveland, Ohio. Both fights were a bore.

It was announced that the Sands has signed a new contract with Top Rank and ESPN to extend their twice monthly boxing cards for another year. This is good news for the sport and another indicator that boxing in Atlantic City is still booming.

Attendance: 900 (est.)
(02-19-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ **TOTOWA—Ice World—**A Junior Middleweight Jamboree was held this night in Totowa, with three of the top 10 ranked U.S. fighters headlining the card.

The main event saw one of the biggest upsets in recent New Jersey boxing history, as Nino Gonzalez, 152, Bayonne, N.J., lost an upset majority decision to Sean Mannion, 156, Boston, 10. Nino started slowly, and Sean built an early lead with his right jab and counterpunching. Gonzalez went for the bomb in the later rounds, but found the Bostonian either beating him to the punch or eluding him entirely. Nino taunted Sean in an effort to get him to trade with him, but Mannion remained cool and "did his thing." Sean is now 18-2. Nino is 25-3.

Tony Braxton, 256, Paterson, TKO'd Ken Heflin, 155½, Louisville, at 1:02 of round two. Braxton, who decked the outclassed Heflin with a right, is now 10-1.

James Green, 157, Irvington, TKO'd tough John Mollander, 157, Long Island, at 2:41 of the first round after scoring two knockdowns. Green is now 10-1 with seven kayoes. Mollander is now 9-5.

Vito Maselli, 140, Elizabeth, outscored Cesar Guzman, 139, Paterson, six.

Marc Fichtner, 189, Boonton, N.J., outpointed Charles Vanderhall, 194, Long Island, four.

Antonio Nieves, 126½, Paterson, outscored Sylvester Kennon, 125, St. Louis, eight.

Victor (Flash) Gordon, 142, Hillside, New Jersey, kayoed Tim Marks, 139, Richmond, Va., in 1:03 of the first.

Frank DiPaola, 161, Paterson, and Calvin Taylor, 160½, Paterson, drew, four.

An excellent Dan Duva promotion. ESPN carried the program, with Sal Marchiano and Randy Gordon handling the commentary.
(01-21-82)

S.M. FELDMAN

## NEW YORK

▲ **WHITE PLAINS—Westchester County Center—**Paul DeVorce, 127, Yonkers, racked up his 13th straight win with an easy unanimous decision over last minute substitute David Capo, 123, Bronx, 10.

DeVorce and Capo had met last year with DeVorce winning via split decision. This time, there was no doubt about the outcome, as DeVorce effectively cut off the ring and scored well to Capo's head.

Lee Saxby, 158, Harlem, floored John Fanea, 153, Ossining, New York, twice in the second enroute to an easy six-round unanimous decision.

Melvin Epps, 192, Brooklyn, won a unanimous duke over Basheen Wadud, 191, Yonkers, six.

Milton Guest, 147, Yonkers, DeVorce's stablemate, TKO'd Manuel Ortiz, 149, New York, at 1:34 of the fourth.

Four-rounders: Sal Dragone, 140, Yonkers, and Hubert Jackson, 145, Newark, drew. Angel (Junior) Figueroa, 159½, Bronx, outpointed George Lanton, 161, Haverstraw, New York, Adonis Torres, 124, Bronx, outscored Angelo Williams, also 124, Jersey City.

Referees: Vinnie Ferguson, Bill Tate, Nick Gambino.
Judges—Eva Shain, Fred Ucci.
Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Momentum Enterprises. Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—713.
(01-17-82)

DEAN COLEMAN

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**Angel Cruz, 139, Bethlehem, Pa., won a split decision over former WBC junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera, 138, Carolina, P.R., 10 Scoring: referee Harold Valan, 6-4, Cruz; judge Ray Kozak, 6-2-2, Esclera; judge Harold Lederman, 6-3-1, Cruz. Angel is now 12-2-1 with five kayoes. Alfredo is 44-11-3 with 27 knockouts.

Kevin Morgan, 146½, Las Vegas, kayoed Donald Johnson, 144½, Brooklyn, in 2:24 of the fourth round. THe scheduled 10 was refereed by Joe Cortez.

Mike McCallum, 154½, Brooklyn, TKO'd Greg Young, 153, Orlando, Florida, at 0:29 of round five in a scheduled 10 refereed by Cortez.

Dwight Walker, 157, Newark, won a unanimous decision over Manuel Melon, 161, Brooklyn, 10. Scoring: referee Luis Rivera, 8-2; judges Kozak and Lederman, both 6-3-1.

Andres Tena, 123, New York, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Everett, 127, Boston, six. Scoring: referee Valan and judge Kozak, both 5-1; judge Lederman, 6-3-1.

Carl Williams, 209, Queens, made his pro debut with a shutout (4-0 on all three cards) verdict over Greg Stephany, 214, New York, four. Luis Rivera, referee.

Mike Rosario, 115, New York, won a unanimous decision over Angelo Sanchez, 120, Brooklyn, four. Scoring: referee Rivera and judge Kozak, both 2-1-1; judge Lederman, 3-1.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Attendance—2,275. Gross—$25,194.
(01-22-82)

ROY ANDERSON

▲ **ROCHESTER—War Memorial Auditorium—**Chris Linson, 154, Santa Fe, New Mexico, TKO'd Frankie Minigan, 150, Rochester, at 2:18 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Frank Adams, referee.

Wesley Shuler, 132, Syracuse, outscored Herman Ingram, 127, Newark, six. Shuler is now 1-0-1.

Benji Goldstone, 150, Albany, TKO'd Charles Britt, 145, Syracuse, at 2:16 of the fifth round in their scheduled six. Britt dropped to 1-1.

Lou Vallar, 197, Syracuse, outpointed Henry Lawson, 216¾, New York, four.

Clarence Hudson, 123, Syracuse, made his pro debut by outscoring Darryl Graham, 127, Buffalo in the opening four. Hudson is managed by Billy Harris.

Dome International. Ray Rinaldi, matchmaker.
Thumbless gloves were used.
Attendance—1,100.
(01-23-82)

▲ **SYRACUSE—War Memorial Auditorium—**Cornell Chavis, 178, New York, TKO'd Greg Sorrentino, 177, Syracuse, at 0:58 of the fourth round in the scheduled 10-session main event. Frank Adams, referee.

Dornell Wigfall, 180, Brockton, Mass., TKO'd Diego Robinson, 186, New York, at 2:01 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder. Tommy Holmes, referee.

Danny Chapman, 152, Troy, New York, won a majority decision over Preston Jones, 154, Buffalo, six.

Allen Braswell, 141½, outscored previously unbeaten Jody Nabinger, 137¾, Endicott, New York, six. Nabinger is now 5-1-1.

Dome Int. Productions.
Attendance—1,100.
(01-29-82)

JIM LEO

**NEW YORK CITY—Audobon Ballroom—**The announcement that lightweight contender Edwin Viruet would be making one of his infrequent ring appearaces aroused a flurry of media interest.

The once postponed card went on with all the big newspapers repesented, cable TV personnel quite prominent, boxing figures of note in the free seats, and about 100 or so other people in the vast hall, looking like seeds in a barrel of pickle juice.

The Jimmy Glenn-Gene Moore cards here just don't draw flies, let alone people, but, artistically, it was a good draw—the first club card in the Greater New York Area since the thumbless glove flap was settled at long last. Viruet and his opponent wore thumbs; the premlim fighters used the thumbless.

As for Edwin Viruet, the buzzing Nijinsky of the boxing world came down off his toes and slugged flatfootedly all evening, wining every round enroute to a TKO over Derek Cuggino, 137, Paterson, N.J. Viruet, 138, had Cuttino tetter-tottering at the end of round seven, and referee Luis Rivera halted matter at 2:32 of the eighth.

Tyrone Jackson, 124, New York, TKO'd Emilio Rodriguez, also 124, Paterson, at 2:29 of the first session. Bill Tate, referee.

Kenneth Willis, 138, Bridgeport, Conn., won a split decision over Kato Wilson, 135½, Brooklyn, six. This was as good as a fight can get without any knockdowns.

Alan Braswell, 143, Brooklyn, outpointed Sam (Hurricane) Carter, 141½, Brooklyn,four. Braswell is now 4-1 with three kayoes.

Angel Figueroa, 158, Bronx, outpointed Donnie Miller, 157½, Bridgeport, four.

Eric Winbush, 174, New York, outscored comebacking Ron Oliver, 180, New York, six. Oliver was floored by a left hook in the fourth session.

Pete Minot, 235, New York, TKO'ed Henry Lawson, 219, South Carolina, at 2:56 of round three. Luis Rivera, referee. Minot is now 7-0 with six kayoes.

A three-round exhibition bout between Adonis Torres, 125, and Andres Tena, also 125, Dominican Republic, opened the card.
(02-05-82)

▲ **RICHMOND HILL, QUEENS—RKO Theatre**Todd Longmuir, 143, Wantagh, New York, halted Mike Thomas, 138½, Springfield, Mass., in a garbage main event that was arranged when George Fakaris, Longmuir's original opponent, cancelled. Thomas' corner pulled him out of action between rounds four and five. Tony Perez, referee.

Charles Vanderhall, 188, Hempstead, TKO'd Charles Taylor, 179, Bronx, at 2:50 of the second.

Milton (Mad Dog) Guest, 148, White Plains, TKO'd Larry Rollins, 144, Roosevelt, New York, at 2:46 of the second in their scheduled four. Sid Rubenstien, referee.

Tommy Malloy, 149, Merrick, New York, and Frank Sheehan, 150, Troy, drew, four.

Gino Gelormino, 126, Levittown, TKO'd Mark Cerenzia, 127½, at 2:11 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Tony Perez, referee.

Mike DeLaRue, 155, Richmond Hill, won a unanimous (5-1 on all three scorecards) verdict over Michael Grant, 161, Philadelphia, six. DeLaRue is still unbeaten.

Attendance—350 (est.). (Capacity)
(02-08-82)

CHARLES D. BROWN

## OKLAHOMA

▲ **TULSA—Bogie's Club—**Dale (Apollo) Cook, 155, outscored debuting Rocky Brown, 156, Stillwater, Oklahoma, four. Cook is now 4-0. He's the U.S. welterweight kick boxing champion, and has fought over 40 "karate" matches.

Tulsa "tough man" contest winner Cecil (Goodnight) Peddigrew, 170, pounded out a four-round verdict over John (Warrior) Words, 178. Peddigrew, a southpaw, is now 4-0 in the pro ranks.

Former Oklahoma State AAU champion "Stinging" Sam Leonard, 152, Tulsa, halted Howard Griffith, 150, in the first round of their scheduled four. Brian Kelly, referee.

Rashad (The Mirage) Aziz, 136¾, Tulsa, ran his record to 4-1 with a decision over Carl Williams, 135, Kansas City, Missouri, four rounds, in the opener. Williams is now 1-2.

Attendance—350.
(01-31-82)

JAMES HUTTON

## OREGON

▲ **PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—**Curtis (Razor) Ramsey, 153, Portland, won a unanimous decision over Roosevelt Green, 155, Seattle, 10. The pace was furious, and local papers said the bout will be hard to top as Portland's Fight of the Year.

Ramsey is now 21-9-4. Green is 6-1.

Ronnie Romero, 131, Salt Lake City, kayoed Juan Manuel Hernandez, 133, Mexico City, in 2:30 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10.

Douglas (Prince) Holiman, 160, Portland, TKO'd Marty Dowell, 153, at 2:00 of the first.

Andy Brown, 186, Portland, stopped Bill Mercier, 192, Seattle, at 1:30 of the second. A cut over the left eye forced the stoppage.

Bob (Duke 'em) Newcomb, 120¼, Portland, won a unanimous verdict over wily Frankie Granados, 122½, Los Angeles, six.

Referees—Jim Cassidy and Bill Thornberg.

Judges—Jim Cassidy, Ben Laford, Paul Weitzel.

Promoter Dolores McNally announced that the SRO crowd of 1,400 was swelled to a packed 1,600 when the gates were opened to free loaders for the main event.
(02-12-82)

KATHERINE DUNN

## PENNSYLVANIA

▲ **PHILADELPHIA—Golden Gloves Center—**Local promoter J. Russell Peltz returned to the small-club scene with a six-bout card at this loft-type venue in the heart of old South Philly. About 400 fans turned up for the return of Richie Bennett following an 18-month layoff. They were amused by a mixed bag—fights that ranged from good to comical.

The main event had a bizarre ending when Bennett's opponent, Willie Ray Taylor, fell out of the ring and hurt his back on a loudspeaker. Although he was not knocked out of the ring by a punch, Taylor, 167½, Charlotte, N.C., was ruled a knockout loser at 1:59 of the sixth because he failed to get back inside the ring within the stipulated 20 seconds. Taylor had been holding his own until the fall. The ropes were way too loose, and the ending seemed a little unfair to the loser.

Bennett, 169, Upper Darby, was rusty at first, but was coming on when the incident occurred. Richie is strong, has some fans, and could make a buck if carefully matched.

In the scheduled eight-round semi-final, Calvin Porter, 154, Phila., smeared Sam Hailstock, 150, Bethlehem, Pa., with four knockdowns, scoring a knockout at 2:28 of the fourth. Hailstock seemed to have no punch resistance whatsoever.

Southpaw Francis Childs, 125½, scored a four-round decision over local Ray Evans, 129½, in a great little war. They both fought their tails off, but Child's body work carried the day. Childs, 2-0, is the first decent prospect to come out of Pottstown, Pa., in recent memory.

In another fine scrap, Roy Mellon, 118, Phila., stopped game Brian Johnson, 124¾, at 2:55 of the second. Melon, making his pro debut, showed a nice boxer-puncher style.

Upper Darby's Al Ferro, 152¼, cleaned up on Charles Bockius, 153½, for a TKO at 2:00 of the first. The flabby Bockius tried, but was damn near killed in the process.

Mike Sheeran, 161, another Upper Darby favorite, stopped "Death Squader" Malik Muhammad (now fighting as Doc Savage), 157, at 2:05 of the first. "He's been cleared," said Peltz. Okay Rus, but he still makes a big splash.
(1-19-82)

▲ **PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon—**Promoter Bob Connolly took a bath to the tune of approximately $4,500 when he tried to revive club boxing at this once popular venue. Despite a solid show, less than 200 paying customers turned out. The glut of fights on the tube has all but killed small-hall boxing in this city.

In the main event, local featherweight Myron Taylor, 129, remained unbeaten with unanimous eight-round decision over Herman Ingram, 127½, Newark, New Jersey. Ingram made Taylor work for his victory, but was never in the fight, taking a beating in every round.

Taylor bloodied Ingram's nose and mouth, scoring an off-balance knockdown in the fourth. The scores of 40-30, 40-28, and 40-29 were indicative of the one-sided nature of the bout. Taylor is now 12-0 with eight kayoes.

Cookie James, 136, Phila., was too strong for Marvin Richardson, 134, Phila., and referee Bob Polis stopped the scheduled six at 0:30 of the third. Several smashing left hooks dropped Richardson on the ropes just before Polis made his move.

Tank McKenzie, 180½, Phila., bulldozed his way to a unanimous four-round decision over John (Big Smoke) Lindsey, 176, Camden, in a crowd-pleasing free-for-all. Both men had their moments, landing wild swings in a brawl that could have been called a draw, but went to McKenzie by scores of 20-16 and 19-17 twice.

Local Archie McMillan, 158, swarmed all over Pittsburgh's Ed Tyler, 156, for a TKO at 0:32 of the fourth. Tyler was coming on when a left hook sent him reeling into the ropes, prompting Polis to call a halt.

Dawud Shaw, 175, Chester, decisioned Marvin Mack, 168, Phila., over four all-action rounds.

Ken Butts, 111¼, was too much for green Edward Davis, 112, and scored a TKO at 1:27 of the second. Both battlers from Philly.

Referees—Bob Polis and Ozzie Sadler.

Judges—Bob LaGuardia, Al Morris.

Attendance—150.
(01-27-82)

▲ **PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle—**A lousy main event spoiled a solid club show when Henry "Bulldog" Patterson refused to put up any kind of a fight against Elijah Tillery. Patterson, 193, Hickory, N.C., was hurt near the end of the second and failed to answer the bell for the third, giving Tillery, 193, Atlantic Heights, N.J., a TKO win. All-in-all, this was a total mismatch and an insult to the near-capacity crowd who shelled out $10 a pop to watch the show.

Local Freddie Reyes, 142, wore down slender Craig Stephens, 135½, Washington, D.C., for a sixth round TKO. Stephens was hard to pin down, but Reyes kept up relentless pressure. It had been scheduled for eight.

Francis Childs, 124, New Hanover, Pa., TKO'd Kevin Jackson, 126½, Phila., at 2:04 of the fourth and final round. Jackson gamely made Childs work for his win, but was never really in the fight.

Angel Cales, 128, Phila., was a little too busy for Fred Pendleton, 130, also Philly, winning a majority decision, four.

Talented Ken Butts, 112½, Phila., was too much for Bennie Walker, 112, scoring a TKO at 1:09 of the second. A hail of punches folded Walker.

Referees—Frank Capucino & Rudy Battle.

Judges—Joe Sweeney & Eddie Woods.

Promoter—Barry McCall.
(02-11-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

## TEXAS

▲ **HOUSTON—Shamrock Hilton—**Steve Hearon, 143, Houston, stopped veteran trial horse Danny Favella, 142, San Antonio, midway through round three in the scheduled 10-round event. Hearon has made remarkable progress since being reunited with his original trainer, Jimmy Fields.

Ezzard Adams, 134, Houston, halted Vic Sanchez, 132, San Antonio, in the second.

Raymond Gonzales, 151, Houston, stopped tough Rene Pagan, 153, Puerto Rico, in the fifth round. Gonzales is still undefeated.

Popular local Roosevelt Rico, 135, halted one "Felix Favella," 136, San Antonio, in the third round. A showdown between Rico and Adams, two squat sluggers who always give 100%, may be in the offing.

Eddie Carter, 167, Beaumont, outscored Jose Pacheco, 160, Houston, six.

Milton Jarrels, 181, Houston, making his first trip to the post in a couple of years, outpointed Harry Keith, 185, San Antonio, six.

An exhibition between former WBA light heavyweight champion Eddie Mustafa Muhammed and retired Houston middle Johnny Baldwin rounded out the card.

Attendance—972.
(12-16-81)

▲ **FORT WORTH—Will Rogers Coliseum—**Tony (El Torito) Ayala, 158½, San Antonio, scored repeatedly with rib rattling left hooks enroute to a TKO over journeyman James Waire, 160, Los Angeles, at 1:12 of round seven. Mark Tessman, referee.

After the program, Ayala's co-manager, Lou Duva, stated that a group headed by his son, Dan—president of Main Events, Inc.—had offered Tidashi Mihara $500,000 to defend his WBA junior middleweight title against Tony. ("We'll even fight him in Tokyo," remarked Duva.) Instead, the backers of Migara, Bob Arum, Reggie Ichinose, and the Fuji television network, opted for a defense against Davey Moore of New York, a welterweight with an 8-0 record who had somehow been maneuvered into the number 10 spot in the WBA's junior middleweight ratings. Another example of it being who you're in cahoots with—and not your ability in the ring—that is the main criteria for becoming a challenger in a WBA title bout. (At least they didn't drag Pablo Abez to Tokyo to face Mihara.)

Southpaw Harold Petty, 116, Fort Worth, outscored Norberto Castellanos, 114, San Antonio, four. Ron Walters, referee. Petty is now 8-0. Castellanos is 16-2.

Steve Cruz, 124¾, Fort Worth, TKO'd Jesse Sierra, 120½, Corpus Christi, at the end of four when referee Tommy Young ruled Jesse unable to continue as the result of a badly broken nose. Cruz is now 4-0 in the pro ranks.

Delio (Red) Palacios, 130¾, Laredo, outscored Mike Anderson, 131½, Los Angeles, six. Mark Tessman, referee.

Greg Adams, 133, Fort Worth, kayoed Bennie Bando, 133½, Midland, in 0:33 of the second. Ron Walters, referee.

Jim Stewart, 174½, Dallas, kayoed Troy Vaughn, 181, Fort Worth, in 1:06 of the second in the curtain raiser. Mark Tessman, referee.

Judges—Willie Ballard, Fred Thetford.

Timekeeper—Robert Ballew, Sr.

Knockdown Timer—Robert Ballew, Jr.

Promoter—Lester Bedford. Matchmaker—Mark Harrison.

Attendance—4,396.
(01-15-82)

▲ **HOUSTON—Shamrock Hilton—**Steve Hearon, 142½, Houston, kayoed old-timer Ernesto Herrera, 141, Corpus Cristi, in round three. Herrera was a world class featherweight five years ago. Now he's little more than a human punching bag who should be advised to hang up his gloves.

Billy Parks, 140½, Denver, stopped local Roberto T. Madrid, 136½, with a blistering body attack in round four.

Roosevelt Rico, 133, Houston, halted Willie Daw, 132, Port Arthur, in the fourth round. Daw couldn't continue as the result of a "wrenched shoulder."

Ricky (The Sailor) Henderson, 136, Houston, stopped Ignacio Acosta, 138¾, Mexico, in the second.

Raymond Gonzales, 162, Houston, outscored veteran loser Jose Pacheco, 158¾, Mexico, six.

Eddie Gonzales, 184½, Ray's brother, outpointed fellow Houstonian Milton Jarrells, 184, four. Gonzales was making his first outing in some time.

Promoter—Ira H. Chenkin. Matchmaker—Robert Turner.

Attendance—920. Gross—$11,250.
(01-28-82)

▲ **ORANGE—Longhorn Saloon [ Steakhouse—**James Pipps, 119, Vidor, stopped Humberto Rodriguez, also 119, Houston, who failed to answer the bell for round six alleging "injured ribs." Pipps is now 12-0. Rodriguez is 3-6.

Reginald (Skeeter) Watson, 130, Houston, halted Pascual Arande, 127½, Chihuahua, Mexico, in the fourth round.

Teddy Lopez, 212, Vidor, and Tom Landry, 200, Beaumont, drew, four.

Tony Canales, 127, Orange, outpointed Mike Roggenkamp, 127½, Beaumont, four.

Demrick Espre, 135, Houston, TKO'd Elroy Armenderiz, 133½, Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, in three.

Promoter—Robert Smith. Matchmaker—Kenny Weldon.

Attendance—425.
(01-28-82)

▲ **LAREDO—Civic Center Arena—**Popular local lad Gaby Canizales, 118, stopped Eduardo Bonilla, 120, Piedras Negras, at 1:53 of round two. A crushing left hook following a right lead dropped Bonilla for the count. He was out for more than three minutes.

Canizales is now 15-1 with 13 kayoes.

Sergio Reyes, the pride of the local police department, outpointed Mario Gomez, Nuevo Laredo, in the 10-round bantam semi-final.

Combacking Gilbert (Machete) Galvan, San Antonio, halted Jerry (Butch) Smith, Fort Worth, at 2:43 of the fifth round in a scheduled lightweight eight.

Andy Rodriguez, Fort Worth, TkO'd Victor Gordillo, Laredo, who was unable to answer the bell for round four.

Carlos Vara, Laredo, kayoed one Bruno Pena, Crystal City, in 1:30 of the first round, welters. This was Vera's pro debut. He's had a long win-studded amateur career in south Texas.

Promoter—Jorge de la Garza. Matchmaker—Dr. Luis O. Mendoza.

Attendance—529. Gross—$5,555.
(02-09-82)

C.A. JACKSON

# CANADA

## ONTARIO

▲ **NIAGARA FALLS—Arena—**John DeGazio, 148, Welland, Ontario, TKO'd Ronald Williams, 161, Ohio, at 2:14 of round three in a scheduled 10.

Johnny Summerhays, 137, Brantford, halted Cedric Barkley, at 2:59 of the first round in their scheduled 10.

Bobby Bland, 158, Toronto, stopped Bobby King, 157, Ohio, at 2:51 of round three in a scheduled eight.

Bobby Houle, 138, Welland, halted Duane Orr, 135, Ohio, at 1:04 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Dean Ferguson, 157½, Windsor, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Greene, 162, Dunville, four. The aggressive Greene was making his pro debut.

Rick Fortuna, 127½, Niagara Falls, won a unanimous duke over Antone White, 129½, Windsor, four.

The less said about this six-bout card, the better. Flesh ped-

diers from Ohio supplied a good part of the meat.
Officials—Ed Gaudet, Rocky Walton, Chuck Williams.
Timekeepers—Frank Shilolo, Arnold Paris.
Ringside Physician—Dr. B. Stewart.
D.M. Promotions.
(11-07-81)

▲ **TORONTO—Concert Hall**—About 500 fans showed up for a five-bout card featuring local talent against opponents from Akron, Ohio. Two locals, Rick Pappa and Bobby Bath, were scratched from the card when they failed to pass the medical.

Jimmy Gradson, 167½, Toronto, knocked out Jack (The Attack) Fain, 166, Akron, in 1:20 of the second in the scheduled 10-session main event.

Bobby Bland, 157½, Toronto, kayoed Denis Fain, 152, Akron, in 2:13 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Terry Butler, 139¼, Akron, won a unanimous decision over Leo Marsh, 139, Toronto, four.

Don Hirtle, 176, Toronto, made his pro debut by knocking out Milo Moore, 170, Akron, in 1:45 of round two in their sceduled four.

Leroy Pink, 142, Toronto, halted Fred Cash, 142½, Akron, with a left hook in 1:54 of the first round in another scheduled four.

Referees—L. Sullivan, R. Hipolito, S. Luftspring.
Judges—F. Bullard, B. Cormier, G. MacDonald.
Timekeepers—A. Paris, F. Shilillo.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Hacker.
(12-22-81)

## QUEBEC

▲ **MONTREAL—Paul Sauve Arena**—Gaetan Hart, 134¼, regained the Canadian lightweight title with a unanimous decision over Michel Lalonde, also, 134¼, Hull, 12. No knockdowns; Hart kept the fight at a long range, and the official scores were 58-53, 58-54, and 57-55. The medical people attached to the Montreal Commission handed Hart a 45-day suspension after the bout, and gave a 60-day suspension to Lalonde.

Mario Cusson, 147, Montreal, kayoed Harry Reyes, 150¼, Hoboken, in 2:54 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Jean Paul Petrin, 144½, Hull, won a unanimous decision over John Degazio, Welland, eight. The official scores were 40-33, 39-34, and 39-35. Frank Degazio, working in John's corner, was handed a 90-day suspension for misconduct by the Montreal Commission.

Gaston Berube, 203, Quebec, stopped Ronald Barette, 191, Hull, at 2:30 of round three in a scheduled six.

Eddie Melo, 173¼, Toronto, returned to action and kayoed Darnell Hayes, 174¼, Ohio, in 1:04 of the second in their scheduled six-rounder.

Dave Hilton, 147¼, Montreal, knocked out Ray Rosa, 151, Paterson, in 1:26 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Richard Hebert, 146, Laval, won a unanimous decision over Rejean Lavoie, 145, Quebec, four.

Promoter—Henri Spitzer. A great card.
Attendance—6,725.
(12-15-81)

FRANK ALLNUTT

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

▲ **VICTORIA**—Jerry (Mack Truck) Reddick, Victoria, won a close unanimous decision over Joey Keene, Boise, Idaho, 10.

Pat Cornelius, Virgin Islands, kayoed Lander Clark, Seattle, in the second, junior middles.

Billy Minnix, Seattle, won a unanimous decision over Tony Garcia, Texas, six.

Mike Olajide, Jr., Vancouver, kayoed Johnny Gaines, Seattle, in the first heat, welters.

Tony Wisnieuki, Victoria, knocked out Brian Beaullieu, Seattle, in the third round in the opener.

Promoter—Joe Reddick.
Attendance—1,312.
(12-17-81)

▲ **NANAIMO**—Gord Racette, Port Alberni, halted veteran Dutch heavyweight champ Rudi Lubbers at the end of three. Dave Brown, referee.

Darryl Penn, Portland, won a split duke over Johnny (Roasta) Herbert, Vancouver, 10.

Harold Mann, Prince George, outpointed Sam Wilson, six, lightweights.

Pat Cornelius shaded Del Williams, Portland, six.

Bruce Eickhoff, Vancouver, outscored Johnny Gains, Seattle, lightweights.

Promoter—John Furlong.
Attendance—3,100.
(11-27-81)

▲ **VICTORIA**—Dale Grant, Seattle, knocked out Mexican Jesse Avilla, Victoria, in the second round to win the Pacific Northwest light heavyweight title. Referee Harold Mann stopped the bout at 2:50 of that session after Jesse had been floored three times.

Laurie Man, Prince George, won a unanimous decision over Peter Gelban, San Antonio, Texas, six rounds, lightweights. Mann has now won six straight fights.

Norman Logan, Halifax, knocked out Franz (Larry) Selesi in the first round. Logan is being promoted as a protege of Trevor Berbick.

James Williams, Portland, stoped Chuck Werfield in the sixth light heavies.

Pat Cornelius, Victoria, outscored Billy Minnix, eight rounds, junior middles.

Mike Olajide, Jr., Vancouver, kayoed Dale Dorsett, Olympia, Wash., in three rounds.

Jamey Ollenberger, Vancouver, scored a fourth round kayo over Perry Evans, Victoria, welters, in the best fight of the night.
(01-15-82)

JIM JOHNSTON

# MEXICO

## AGUASCALIENTES

▲ **AGUASCALIENTES**—Jose Luis Cisneros, 127, outscored Pedro Martinez, 125, 10.
(09-18-81)

## BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲ **MEXICALI**—Daniel Zaragoza, 119, TKO'd Javier (Changa) Marquez, also 119, in eight. Gilberto Roman, 125, TKO'd Leonardo Valdez, 127, in eight.
(09-13-81)

▲ **TIJUANA**—Felipe Urquiza, 135, knocked out Erric Bonilla, 134, Puerto Rico, in the second. Angel Gutierrez, 134, kayoed Celso Limon, 135, in the first. Juan Escobar, 124, knocked out Dagoberto Ruiz, 125, in the second.
(09-14-81)

▲ **LA PAZ**—Othoniel Lopez, 136, outpointed Manuel Sanchez, 135, 10. Chanio Guzman, 118, kayoed Enrique Flores, 117, in the fourth.
(12-11-81)

## CHIAPAS

▲ **TAPACHULA**—Javier Gonzalez, 124, knocked out Enrique Paz, 125, in the third.
(01-08-82)

## CHIHUAHUA

▲ **JUAREZ**—Shiro Kobayashi, 118, Japan, TKO'd Rogoberto (Gigio) Estrada, 117, in two. Victor (Gallinita) Salcedo, 108, TKO'd Jose Luis Navarrete, 109, in the first round. Pedro Gonzalex, 117, stiffened Fernando Alvarez, 119, in three.
(12-18-81)

▲ **CHIHUAHUA**—Felix Ramos, 135, outscored Raul Bencomo, also 135, 10.
(11-28-81)

## COAHUILA

▲ **MONCLOVA**—Aldo Montes, 177, kayoed Danny Smith, 178, U.S.A., in the second round.
(11-22-81)

▲ **TORREON**—Raul Valdez, 116, outpointed Alfredo (Cavhorro) Hernandez, 115, 10. Vicente Saldivar Mijares, 136, knocked out Agustin (Canguro) Estrada, 135, in seven. Toshiaki Suzuki, 205, Japan, won by a disqualification over Memo Soto, 201, in three. Romeo Sandoval, 134, outscored Memo Miranda, 134, 10.
(01-01-82)

## DURANGO

▲ **GOMEZ PALACIO**—Alfredo (Cachorro) Hernandez, 112, halted Salvador Roque, 111, in three. Martin Galvan, 111, iced Jose Apango, also 111, in the first. Manuel Martinez, 111, outscored Antonio Morales, 113, 10.
(09-18-81)

## FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Rodolfo Ortega, 113, TKO'd Alefandro Flores, also 113, in five. Rene Arredondo, 136, TKO'd Ubaldo (Bufalo) Ramirez, 135, in four. Pedro Vallejo, 117, outpointed Onesimo Vilchis, 118, six. Jose Luis Luna, 145, TKO'd Lucio Fernandez, 147, in one. Hugo Rodriguez, 111, TKO'd Lucio Fernandez, 147, in one. Hugo Rodriguez, 111, TKO'd Gerardo Carreno, also 111, in two.
(09-09-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Abraham (Yaqui) Meneses, 201, kayoed Javier (Chavelo) Lopez, 207, in two. Pablo Ramirez, 128, won by a disqualification over Jose Angel Jimenez, 126, intwo. Feliciano Soto, 129, TKO'd Abel Pacheco, 131, in three. Roman Nunez, 119, TKO'd Ramon Jimenez, 120, in three. Leopoldo Portillo, 134, outscored Marcos Campos, 136, four.
(09-12-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Jose Duarte, 148, TKO'd Fernando (Pichi) Gonzalez, 145, in five. Luis Gonzalez, 118, kayoed Mario Faz, 117, in two. Moises Mendez, 149, TKO'd Feliz (Pachuco) Mendez, 151, in four. Marcos (Coloradito) Guzman, 122, TKO'd Guillermo Rodriguez, 120, in two. Jose Luis Avila, 121, TKO'd Francisco Gutierrez, 122, in one.
(09-19-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Juan Garcia, 138, TKO'd Jorge (Borrego) Martinez, 140, in three. Pablo Flores, 111, TKO'd Jesus Rodriguez, 112, in seven. Raul Dominguez, 108, TKO'd Carlos Rezago, also 108, in six. Germinio Delgado, 134, TKO'd Enrique Hernandez, 135, in three. Luis Rivera, 124, outpointed Enrique Ayala, 125, four.
(09-23-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Veteran Leoncio Ortiz, 136, knocked out Jose Luis Tapia, 135, in two. Neftali Ramirez, 111, outpointed Roman Escalante, 112, 10. Alberto (Punos) Garcia, 112,stopped Antonio Lopez, 113, in three. Ray de la Cruz, 117, TKO'd Pascual Garcia, also 117, in three. Agustin Resendiz, 125, TKO'd Javier Gallegos, 124, in one.
(12-09-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Tony Escobar, 111, TKO'd Arturo Tebaqui, 113, in five. Alberto (Bobby) Ruiz, 112, TKO'd Heriberto Saavedra, 113, in nine. Jesus Tejeda, 110, outpointed Carlos (Atomo) Garcia, 111, eight. Hugo Rodriguez, 111, TKO'd Emilio Sola, also 111, in four. Herminio Hernandez, 117, outscored Francisco Ortiz, 118, four.
(12-12-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Aaron Garcia, 108, stopped Pedro Moreno, 107, in three. Cayetano Correa, 134, TKO'd Mauricio Aceves, 135, in four. Salvador Estrada, 111, TKO'd Juan Atilano, 110, in eight. Luciano Fernandez, 123, outpointed Jesus Hernandez, 124, six. Gabriel Perez, TKO'd Agustin Jimenez, also 111, in two.
(12-16-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Juan (Monito) Diaz, 112, TKO'd Baldomero Santos, 111, in nine. Gilberto Roman, 112, iced Juan Carlos Montalvo, 111, in one. Jaime (Conejo) Casas, 125, TKO'd Santos Rodriguez, 126 in nine. Roman Nunez, 125, halted Jose Heriberto Apango, 125, in two. Gerardo Carreno, 108, TKO'd Mario Roman, 107, in two.
(12-19-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Samuel Machorro, 117, outpointed Freddie (Riel) Hernandez, 117, Colombia, 10. Pedro (Canon) Diaz, 176, TKO'd Benny Nava, 174, in three. Jorge Mercado, 131, TKO'd Hilario Delgado, 133, in one. Sergio Castro, 134, TKO'd Antonio Rivera, 136, in one. Javier Herrera, 117, TKO'd Domingo Moctezuma, 117, in two. Jose Posada, 114, TKO'd Rafael Jimenez, also 114, in three.
(12-26-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Juan Garcia, 135, TKO'd Javier (Memin) Barcenas, also 135, in the 10th and final round. Raul (Satanas) Guerrero, 136, TKO'd Feliciano Soto, 135, in two. Jorge Mercado, 130, TKO'd Ubaldo Ramirez, 128, in five. Camilo Ortiz, 112, TKO'd Martin Perez, 111, in four. Alfredo de la Torre, 111, TKO'd Jose (Bombero) Robles, also 111, in one.

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Miguel Angel Alvarez, 125, TKO'd Elpidio Infante, 126, in three. Austreberto (Beto) Perez, 119, TKO'd Salvador Estrada, 118, in six. Neftali Ramirez, 111, TKO'd Jesus Rodriguez, 112, in four. Jesus Hernandez, 143, TKO'd Mario Olmedo, 146, in eight. Pedro Montero, 124, TKO'd Agustin Resendiz, 125, in one.
(01-09-82)

## GUERRERO

▲ **CIUDAD ALTAMIRANO**—Fernando Teran, 124, outscored Francisco Ortiz, 125, 10.
(09-04-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Jesus (Duende) Chavez, 135, halted Miguel Polanco, 136, in eight. Jose Vasquez, 111, stopped Margarito Chavez, also 111, in five. Emilio Santos, 108, outscored Alacran Aguilar, 109, eight.
(09-11-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Rene Arrendondo, 136, outpointed Jose (Zurdo) Rosas, 134, 10. Roberto Arrendondo, 126, outscored Juan Hernandez, 125, 10.
(12-11-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Marcos Villasana, 126, won the Mexican featherweight title by outpointing Justo Garcia, 125, 12. Julio (Rubia) Avendano, 118, and Ciro Cayetano, also 118, drew, 12, for the Guerrero State bantamweight title. Isidro Perez, 108, won the Guerrero State junior flyweight crown by outscoring Juan Manuel Rios, also 108, 12. Alberto Figueroa, 146, TKO'd Beto Garcia, 147, to win the Guerrero State welterweight title.
(12-18-81)

## JALISCO

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Juan Zarate, 117, TKO'd Jose Villamar, 118, in four. Primitivo Espinosa, 114, TKO'd Alejandro Puebla, 115, in eight.
(09-11-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Sergio Medina, 134, TKO'd Delfino Mendoza, 135, in six to retain his Jalisco State lightweight crown. Arturo (Cuyito) Hernandez, 124, won the Jalisco State featherweight title by outpointing Gustavo Macias, 125, 12.
(12-18-81)

## SAN LUIS POTOSI

▲ **SAN LUIS POTOSI**—Joel (Chato) Segura, 117, TKO'd Lino (Cachorro) Alonso, 118, in five. Mario Calderon, 126, and Eliseo Silva, 125, drew, 10. Jose Luis Segura, 135, demolished Alejandro Alvarez, 137, in three.
(12-11-81)

▲ **MATEHUALA**—Joel (Chato) Segura, 117, TKO'd Fernando Torres, 118, in five.
(12-18-81)

▲ **SAN LUIS POTOSI**—Carlos (Calaca) Segura, 118, stopped Coloradito Lopez, 117, in two. Efrain Ovalle, 124, outscored Jose Luis Segovia, also 124, 10. Mario Hernandez, 117, kayoed Ramon Zuniga, also 117, in two. Carlos Maya, 115, iced Jeronimo Estrada, 116, in one.
(01-08-82)

## SINALOA

▲ **CULIACAN**—Lupe Acosta, 111, outscored Jorge de Jesus, 112, 10. Delfino Morales, 116, kayoed Osvaldo Martinez, 115, in four.
(09-11-81)

▲ **LOS MOCHIS**—Gabriel Bernal, 112, outpointed Lupe Acosta, also 112, 10. Juan Paredes, 126, outscored Mauricio Beltran, 125, eight.
(11-22-81)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Julio Cesar Chavez, 124, TKO'd Manuel (Topo Gigio) Vasquez, 123, in seven. Rafael (Borrego) Chavez, 134, TKO'd Hector (Rayo) Medina, 135, in nine. Rodolfo Chavez, 135, TKO'd Jorge (Sonny Boy) Ramirez, 136, in three.
(12-18-81)

▲ **LOS MOCHIS**—Panchito (Cochulito) Montiel, 109, TKO'd Venancio Rosas, 108, in six. Ernesto Escalante, 161, kayoed Jose (Toro) Lopez, 158, in nine. Ray Beltran, 135, outpointed Luis Estrada, also 135, 10.
(12-20-81)

## TABASCO

▲ **HUILMANGUILLO**—Luis (Puma) Fuente, 134, outpointed Nacho Saucedo, 135, 10.
(09-11-81)

## TAMAULIPAS

▲ **MATAMOROA**—Pepe Herrera, 118, and Ernesto (Che)

Guevara, 117, drew, 10. Luis Gonzalez, 116, outpointed Juan Castellanos, 117, 10.
(12-06-81)

▲ **CIUDAD MANTE**—Jose Mireles, 158, won the Mexican middleweight title by outpointing Abel Cordoba, 160, 12. Raymundo (Battling) Torres, 147, kayoed Tomas (Negro) Garcia, 146, in six. Jorge Torres, 134, outscored Antonio Acevedo, 135, 10.
(12-17-81)

### YUCATAN

▲ **MERIDA—Carte Clara Baseball Park**—Juan Herera, 111¾, won the WBA flyweight title by knocking out defending champion Luis Ibarra, 112, Panama, in 2:28 of the 11th round. Lupe Madera, 111, TKO'd Ricardo (Finito) Lopez, also 111, in six. Freddy Castillo, 113, outscored Javier Lucas, 112, 10. Ricardo (FLeoncito) Peralta, 134, stopped Fidencio Gonzalez, 133, in four. Antonio di la Paz, 121, outscored Alfonso (Buho) Rodriguéz, 122, 10. Wilbert Medina, 114, outscored Margarito (Lobo) Narvaez, 115, six.
(09-26-81)

▲ **MERIDA—Carte Clara Baseball Park**—Juan Herrera, 112, retained his WBA flyweight crown with a TKO over Betulio Gonzalez, also 112, Venezuela, at 1:20 of the seventh. Jerome Artis, 135, U.S.A., TKO'd Ricardo (Leoncito) Peralta, also 135, in nine. Lupe Madera, 110, TKO'd Diego Franco, 111, in five. Daniel Herrera, 126, kayoed Guillermo (Lobo) Morales, 125, in two. Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez, 112, outscored Roman Acosta, 111, 10. Santiago Mendez, 112, outpointed Javier Alonso, 111, six.
(12-19-81) EDUARDO AMER G.

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

▲ **PORT-OF SPAIN—Jean Pierre Sports Complex**—David Noel, 152½, the nephew of Claude Noel, TKO'd Eddie Marcelle, 151, to win the Trinidad and Tobago junior middle crown. A cut near Marcelle's right eye forced a stoppage after round 11.

Tyrone Downes, 133, Barbados, outscored Martin Julius, 134¾, Trinidad and Tobago, eight.

Walt Bishiop, 136, outscored Anthony Wanza, 132¾, six.

Leslie Stewart, 171¾, TKO'd Michael Hospedales, also 171¾, in the fourth

Joseph Nelson, 163, outpointed Archibald Phillip, 161¾, six.
(01-29-82)

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# SOUTH AMERICA

## COLUMBIA

▲ **SAN ANDRES**—Prudencio Cardona, Colombia, iced Melquiades Caballero, Panama, in the second session, flyweights.

Francisco Fernandez, Panama, TKO'd Juan Ramon Mayoral, Colombia, in the eighth round of a scheduled junior feather 10.

Rafael Piamonte, Colombia, kayoed Alfonso Panter in the sixth round, welterweights.
(10-10-81)

▲ **SAN ANDRES**—Emiliano Villa, Colombia, won the vacant Latin American Boxing Federation junior middleweight crown with a decision over Patricio Castro, Chile, 12.

Luis Enrique Martinez, Colombia, outpointed Alexis Caballero, Panama, 10, lightweights.
(10-17-81)

▲ **CARTAGENA**—Felipe Orozco, Colombia, won a split decision over Felix Rodriguez, Panama, 10, junior feathers. Orozco is still undefeated.

Reinaldo Chico outscored Cristobal Torres, 10, welters.

Fernando Ochos outpointed Wilson Arias, 10, lightweights.

Julio Mallarino, Cartagena, outscored Alfonso Galvan, six, feathers.
(10-23-81)

▲ **BARRANQUILLA—Humberto Perea Gymnasium**—Mario Miranda, 127, Colombia, knocked out Juan Domingo Malvarez, 126, Argentina, with a right cross in 1:49 of the first round. Miranda is still undefeated.

Homer Meza, 118, Barranquilla, iced Enrique Pinto, 117, in the fifth round to retain his Colombian bantamweight title.

Victor Pacheco, 130, Cartagena, retained his Colombian junior lightweight crown by knocking out Bernabe Diaz, 129, Monteria, in the 12th and final round.

Julio Llerena, 122, retained his Colombian junior featherweight throne with a ninth round TKO over Angel Maquillon, also 122.
(12-11-81)

▲ **CARTAGENA—Real Hotel**—Southpaw Felipe Orozco stayed unbeaten with a second round TKO over Manuel Santos, Puerto Rico, at 2:56 of round two in a scheduled 10-round junior featherweight contest.

Daniel Blanco, Colombia, whipped Jorge Ortiz, Puerto Rico, 10.

Veteran Leonidas Asprilla won a technical decision over Jesus Lugo, Barranquilla, in the second round of a scheduled 10-round welterweight encounter.

Fernando Ochoa, Cartagena, and Wilson Arias, Medellin, drew, 10, lightweights.
(01-08-82)

▲ **CARTAGENA**—Amancio Castro, Monteria, won the Central American and Caribbean lightweight title with a sixth round TKO over defending champion Luis Godoy, Cartagena. Referee Alvaro Bustamante stopped the bout.

Horacio Perez kayoed Manuel Espino in the fourth round, welterweights.

Meiro Padilla stopped Francisco Cordoba in the fifth round, junior lights.

Joselo Rodriguez TKO'd Miguel (Marinito) Perez in the fifth. Rodriguez is unbeaten in four contests.

Baby Rojas, Barranquilla, outscored Rafael Julio, Cartagena, 10 rounds, flyweights.
(01-15-82)

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# EUROPE

## AUSTRIA

▲ **ANNENHEIM**—Joe Pachler TKO'd Horst Schulze in four, junior middles. Ferdinand Pachler outscored Oemer Karadeniz, four.
(07-30-81)

▲ **VILLACH**—Joe Pachler retained his Austrian welterweight title by outpointing Otto Zinoder, 12. Ferdinand Pachler and Edip Secovic drew, six, junior middles.
(08-31-81)

▲ **VIENNA**—Marijan Benes outpointed Andre Monglema, 10, junior middleweights. Franz Dorfer outscored Sonny Kamunga, eight. Ethem Oezakalin outpointed Jose Rios, six, lightweights.
(09-18-81)

▲ **VIENNA**—Marijan Benes TKO'd Franz Dorfer in four, junior middles. Ferdinand Pachler TKO'd Otto Zinoder in five. Edip Secovic TKO'd Jurgen Broszeit in one.
(10-06-81)

▲ **VIENNA**—David Oleme TKO'd Manfred Findenig in five, junior middles. Ferdinand Pachler outscored Luis Ribertio, six. Edip Secovic kayoed Fritz Krenslehner in one. Guido Trane TKO'd Helmut Owessle in seven, heavyweights.
(10-16-81)

▲ **VIENNA**—Edip Sevoic knocked out Kammerhofer in two, junior middleweights. Ferninand Pachler outpointed Sinisa Popovich, four. Manfred Findenig outscored Ethen Oezakalin, six, junior welters. Jurgen Himmler outpointed David Oleme, four.
(11-30-82)

▲ **EGGENBURG**—Edip Secevic TKO'd Klaus Hein in one, junior middles. Esperno Postl and Sinisa Popovich drew, six, welters. Franz Hohl outpointed Uwe Wissenbach, six.
(12-04-81)

## BELGIUM

▲ **BRUSSELS**—Al Syben, Belgium, narrowly outpointed Ricky James, Great Britain, eights, heavyweights.
(11-28-81)

## DENMARK

▲ **RNADERS**—Hans Hendrik Palm, Denmark, TKO'd Claude Pereira, Brazil in four, welterweights. Ayub Kalule, Uganda, outpointed Odell Leonard, U.S.A., eight, junior middles. Mustaha Wasajja won a unanimous decision over Feddie Brown, eight, light heavyweights. Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, won a unanimous decision over Randy Milton, U.S.A., eight, welters. John Odhjiambo, Uganda, won a unanimous duke over James Williams, U.S.A.
(11-13-81)

▲ **COPENHAGEN**—Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, won by a disqualification over Bechir Boundka, Tunisia, in seven, welters. Mustapha Wasajja, Uganda, outscored Ivy Brown, U.S.A., eight, light heavies. John Odhiambo, Uganda, TKO'd Louis Pergaud, Cameroon, in eight, light heavies. Hans Hendrik Palm, Denmark, TKO'd Robert Gambini, France, in three, welters. Michael Madsen, Denmark, kayoed Guy Telusson in the second round, light heavies.
(12-06-81)

## FRANCE

▲ **SAINT MAUER**—Claude Lancastre won the French welterweight title by outpointing George Warusfel, 12.
(11-14-81)

▲ **PARIS**—Lucien Rodriguez, France, won the vacant European heavyweight title by outpointing Felipe Rodriguez, Spain, 12. Mary Konate, Mati, kayoed Larry McDonald in the second, heavies. Undefeated Pierre Franck Winterstein, France, kayoed Bob Patterson, U.S.A., in three.
(11-26-81)

▲ **PARIS**—Jacques Chinon retained his French middleweight title with a fifth round TKO over Joel Bonnetaz. Loucif Hamani, France, outpointed Odell Leonard, U.S.A., 10, junior middles. Sylvain Watbled, France, won by a disqualification ovedr Jerry Williams, U.S.A., in seven, heavies. Tukisoleka N'Kalaankete, Zaire, outpointed Joey Mack, Great Britain, eight.
(12-14-81)

## GERMANY

▲ **DUREN**—Jean Andre Emmerich retained his German junior middleweight title by stopping Horst Schulze in the eighth round. Emmerich was decked by a left hook in the sixth session.

Vedat Akovat, locally based Turk, TKO'd Gregory Marshall, an American living in Germany, in three rounds, heavyweights. Alex Zeh kayoed fellow German Herbert Ficks in the second canto, heavies. Rudinger Bitterling outscored Oemer Karadeniz, Turkey, now based in Germany, six rounds, middleweights.

Promoter Helmu Slomke's show drew a crowd of 550, resulting in a deficit of around $2,500.
(11-17-81)

▲ **GELSENKIRCHEN**—German lightweight champion Rene Waller TKO'd Rafael Valdez, U.S.A., in three. Manfred Jassmann, Germany, TKO'd Pedro Rivera, U.S.A., in six, light heavies. Tommy Seydock knocked out Hans Gimborn in the second session, heavyweights. John Mundaga, Uganda, TKO'd Garry Brown, U.S.A., in two, welters. John Mugabi knocked out Sammy Floyd, U.S.A., in the second, middles.
(12-26-81)

## ITALY

▲ **MILAN**—Alessandro Casanova outscored Moesses N'Samba, eight, light heavies. Peter Kozza TKO'd Claudio Cassanelli in seven, heavyweights. Arutro De Prezzo outscored Angel Quintavalle, six, lights. Angel Mazzi outpointed Nicola Di Rubbio, six, flies.
(10-01-81)

▲ **BRESCIA**—Vincenzo Ungaro outpointed Mauro Da Cruz, eight, junior middleweights. Walter Giogetti kayoed Eymono Bofunga in the fifth round, bantams. Sipontino La Torre TKO'd Mbutra Muyanga in three, welters. Mario Loreni TKO'd Aldo Polesel in three, middles.
(10-02-81)

▲ **MODENA**—Lucio Cusma TKO'd Mahamed Houdi in the second, lightweights. Vincenzo Loria TKO'd Scipione Colaiaani in the second, welters.
(10-02-81)

▲ **ROME**—Nicola Cirelli outpointed Sonny Kamunga, eight, middleweights. Yawe Davis outpointed Mauricio Da Cruz, six.
(10-02-81)

▲ **MONTOVA**—Mosino Moekele outscored Giuseppe Di Padova, eight rounds, welterweights.
(10-02-81)

▲ **GROSSETO**—Alessandro Scapecchi outscored Vincenzo Di Bari, eight, lights.
(10-03-81)

▲ **NAPLES**—Lorenzo Paciullo outpointed Hector Molina, eight rounds, feathers. Ciro De Leva outscored Mariano Garcia, six, flies. Gaetano Caso outpointed Mario Molina, six, welters.
(10-05-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Everaldo Azevedo outscored Bechir Jelassik, eight, welterweights. Roberto Masini and Antonio Antino drew, eight, junior welters. Franco Canini outp-ointed Giorgio Pipia, six, lightweights. Marzio Baseotto outscored Corrado Sortino, six, middles.
(10-08-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Loris Stecca outpointed Hector Molina, eight, featherweights. Franco Cherchi outscored Martrin Antic, eight, flies. Walter Cevoli knocked out Bruno Arati in the second round, light heavies.
(10-15-81)

▲ **ORVIETO**—Francesco Damiani outscored Francesco Damiani, six rounds heavyweights.
(10-20-81)

▲ **TAORMINA**—David Seynomio outpointed Giuseppe Agata, eight rounds, welterweights. Ernesto Ros outscored Kia Folley, eight, junior middles.
(10-21-81)

▲ **TURIN**—Nino LaRocca outpointed Michael Senegal, eight rounds, welterweights. Raffaele Di Lerna TKO'd Piero Spadaccini in the first. Michel Siracusa outscored Potito Di Muro, eight, junior lights. Maurizio Lupino outscored Bofunga Eymono, six, bantamweights. Luciano Gresti outpointed Mulanda Kandia, six, junior welters.
(10-22-81)

▲ **PESARO**—Sumbu Kalambay kayoed Sonny Kamunga in the seventh, middleweights. Mazario Mariotti outpointed Antonio Stocchino, eight, junior middles. Giuseppe Semilia TKO'd Mosino Maekele in the second.
(10-23-81)

▲ **TARANTO**—Eupremio Epifani TKO'd Francesco Gallo in the second, junior welters.
(10-24-81)

▲ **PAVIA**—Robert Gambini TKO'd Oscar Aparacio in the seventh session, welters. Angelo Liguoi TKO'd Aldo Polesel in the fourth round, junior middles. Giuseppe La Vite TKO'd Mario

Tiano in three, junior lights. Santiago Alvarez outscored Antonio Franca, six.
(10-24-81)

▲ **NOVARA**—Dominico Adinolfi retained his Italian heavyweight crown by outpointing Giovanni De Luca, 12. Angelo Morri TKO'd Luigi Paravati in two, flyweights.
(10-30-81)

▲ **CAPUA**—Luigi De Rosa outscored Malquida Da Silva, eight, junior lights.
(10-30-81)

▲ **CHIAVENNA**—Alfredo Raininger TKO'd Salvatore Liscapade in 10 for the Italian junior lightweight crown. Pellegrino Ventrone and Marco Boero drew, six, lightweights.
(11-01-81)

▲ **CREMA**—Giorgio Pipia TKO'd Andre Ricci in six. Raimondo Riccio TKO'd Pasquale Riboli in two, junior welters.
(11-02-81)

▲ **PISA**—Bruno Simili outpointed Vincenzo DiBari, eight, junior welters.
(11-02-81)

▲ **MODENA**—Vincenzo Loria outscored Dominque Delorme, six, junior middleweights.
(11-02-81)

▲ **FORIO D'ISCHIA**—Ciro De Leva knocked out Martin Antich in the seventh, flyweights. Gaetano Caso decisioned Giuseppe Agate, six, welters. Patrizio Oliva kayoed Giuseppe Russi in the second to win the Italian junior welterweight title. Gennaro Mauriello outscored Moeses N'Samba, six, light heavies.
(11-04-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Paolo Castrovilli outscored Giovanni Camputaro for the Italian flyweight title, 12. Franco Cherchi decisioned Mariano Garcia, eight, flyweights. Pasquale Mazza TKO'd Joseph Sekisambu in six, feathers.
(11-06-81)

▲ **BOLOGNA**—Sebastiano Sotgia kayoed Patrick Drelon in the first round, lightweights. Gabriele Lazzari outscored Christian Chesini, eight, light heavies.
(11-06-81)

▲ **SASSARI**—Giampiero Pinna outpointed Giancarlo Ravajoli, eight, bantams.
(11-07-81)

▲ **ROME**—Nino LaRocca TKO'd Pat Thomas in the fourth round, welters. Gianfranco Rosi outpointed Bechir Jelassy, eight. Rufino Angulo TKO'd Cosimo Funto in six, middles. Angelo LaMattina outpointed Paul Mojodi, six. Marcello Paciucci TKO'd Mustafa Kabunga in four, light heavies. Sumbu Kalambay kayoed Michael Pagani in the second, middles.
(11-13-81)

▲ **RIMINI**—Loris Stecca outscored Marco Gallo, 12, for the Italian featherweight title. Vincenzo Loria outpo nted Spider Conteh, six, junior middles. Santiago Alvarez outscored Angelo Quintavalle, six, junior lights.
(11-13-81)

▲ **MAZARA**—Valerio Nati retained his European bantamweight title by outpointing Jose Luis de la Sagra, 12. Cosimo Lavino outscored Vincenzo Di Bari, eight, lightweights. Giuseppe La Vite TKO'd Ayomo Mufongo in two.
(11-19-81)

▲ **ROME**—Ennio D'Ercole outscored Jose Luis Riberro, six, welterweights.
(11-20-81)

▲ **ANCONA**—Guiseppe Martinese and Samuel Serunjogi drew, eight, junior welters. Lutshadi Mudimbj outpointed Francesco Campi, six, heavyweights. Lorenzo Paciullo outscored Simadilu Lubaki, six, junior lights.
(11-20-81)

▲ **SIRASCUSA**—Salvatore Melluzzo TKO'd Joe Mayes in six, featherweights.
(11-21-81)

▲ **ROMAGNA**—Valerio Nati, Italy, retained his European bantamweioght title by outpointing Luis de la Sagra, Spain, 12.
(11-21-81)

▲ **TURIN**—Nino La Rocca kayoed Clauzel Longmire in the first round, welters. Angelo LaMattina TKO'd Eugene Dovin in two, middles. Pellegrino Ventrone TKO'd Marco Boero in eight, junior welters. Pasquale Zamparo outpointed Luciano Gresti, six.
(11-26-81)

▲ **AREZZO**—Angelo Bizzaro outpointed Antonio Germano, eight, lightweights.
(11-27-81)

▲ **NOVARA**—Giuseppe Agate outscored Francesco Gallo, eight rounds, junior welters. David Seynomjo outpointed Robert Masini, eight. Rinaldo Pellizzari and Peter Mulindwa Kozza drew, eight, heavyweights. Giuseppe Tidu decisioned Angelo Quintavalle, six, lights.
(11-27-81)

## NETHERLANDS

▲ **KERKRADE**—Dutch heavyweight champion Rudi Lubbers halted German light heavyweight champion Uwe Meinecke in 1:12 of the first round. A left hook to the head put Meinecke down for the full count.

## SPAIN

▲ **VALLADOLID**—Carlos Hernandez retained his European junior lightweight crown by holding fellow Spaniard Roberto Castanon to a draw, 12.
(12-05-81)

▲ **NOTES**—Former world featherweight champion Jose Legra is planning a comeback at the age of 38. He's reportedly signed an 18-month contract for a guaranteed $275,000.

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## EUROPEAN RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Felipe Rodriguez (Spain)
2. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
3. Sylvain Watbled (France)
4. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
5. Neville Meade (Great Britain)
6. Gordon Ferris (Great Britain)
7. Giovanni De Luca (Italy)
8. Billy Aird (Great Britain)
9. Bernd August (Germany)
10. Al Syben (Belgium)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)
1. Hocine Tafer (France)
2. Bunny Johnson (Great Britain)
3. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
4. Fred Serres (Belgium)
5. Christiano Cavina (Italy)
6. Ennio Cometti (Italy)
7. Richard Caramanolis (France)
8. Dennis Andries (Belgium)
9. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
10. Walter Cevoli (Italy)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
2. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)
3. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
4. Jacques Chinon (France)
5. Pierre Joly (France)
6. Frank Winterstein (France)
7. Eddie Burke (Great Britain)
8. Jose Lozano (Spain)
9. Eddie Smith (Great Britain)
10. Frank Wissenbach (Germany)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
1. Maurice Hope (Great Britain)
2. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
3. Louis Acaries (France)
4. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
5. Chris Christian (Great Britain)
6. Jimmy Batten (Great Britain)
7. Erwin Heiber (Germany)
8. Jose Hernandez (Spain)
9. Dum Dum Pacheco (Spain)
10. Torben Andersen (Denmark)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Jorgen Hansen (Denmark)
2. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
3. Jo Kimpuani (France)
4. Hans Hendrik Palm (Denmark)
5. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
6. Franco Aresti (Italy)
7. Piero Angelo Piras (Italy)
8. Richard Rodriguez (France)
9. Roger Zenon (France)
10. Fred Coranson (France)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
1. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
2. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
3. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
4. Giuseppe Russi (Italy)
5. Steve Early (Great Britain)
6. Des Morrison (Great Britain)
7. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
8. Lucien Navarra (Italy)
9. Eupremio Epifiano (Italy)
10. Chris Sanigar (Great Britain)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Giuseppe Gibilisco (Italy)
1. Jim Watt (Great Britain)
2. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
3. Charlie Nash (Great Britain)
4. Francisco Leon (Spain)
5. Jose Luis Heredia (Spain)
6. George Feeney (Great Britain)
7. Lucio Cusma (Spain)
8. Dave McCabe (Great Britain)
9. Ricky Beaumont (Great Britain)
10. Rene Weller (Germany)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
1. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
2. Carlos Rodriguez (Spain)
3. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
4. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)
5. Daniel Londas (France)
6. Angelo Licata (Belgium)
7. Luigi De Rosa (Italy)
8. Alain Le Fol (France)
9. Roman Marichal (Italy)
10. Alessandro Nardi (Italy)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Roberto Castanon (Spain)
3. Sammy Simms (Great Britain)
4. Jimmy Flint (Great Britain)
5. Loris Stecca (Italy)
6. Esteban Equia (Spain)
7. Cecilio Lastra (Spain)
8. Michele Siracuse (Italy)
9. Philippe Maryin (France)
10. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Valerio Nati (Italy)
1. John Feeney (Great Britain)
2. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
3. Vicente Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (Spain)
5. Dave Smith (Great Britain)
6. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
7. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
8. Manuel Barquim (Spain)
9. Roberto Serreli (Italy)
10. Giancarlo Ravaioli (Italy)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
2. Manuel Carrasco (Spain)
3. Kelvin Smart (Great Britain)
4. Dave George (Great Britain)
5. Enrique Rodriguez Cal (Spain)
6. Gary Nickels (Great Britain)
7. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
8. Giamiero Pinna (Italy)
9. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
10. Mariano Garcia (Spain)

## UNITED KINGDOM

▲ **NANTWICH—Town Hall**—Steve Farnsworth, 125½, Sheffield, won the Central Area featherweight title by outpointing Ian Murray, 125, Manchester, 10. Scoreline: 98½-97. This was a great contest. The fans threw in nobbins.

Aneurin Williams, 174, Gilwen, knocked out Gary Jones, 176, Stirling, in round two with a right hand to the jaw.

Phil Duckworth, 146, Leeds, narrowly outscored Tommy McCallu, 144, Edinburgh, six.

Peter Phillips, 140, Dinnington, and Peter Flannagan, 141, Manchester, drew, six.

John Lindo, 139, Bradford, stopped Dai Davies, also 139, Swansea, in the fifth.
(11-23-81)

▲ **WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club**—Paul Chance, Wednesbury, narrowly outpointed Najib Daho, 136, Manchester, eight. Scoreline: 79-78½.

Joe Jackson, 164, Coventry, outscored Russell Humphreys, 162, Shrewsbury, six. Scoreline: 59½-58½.

Andy Palmer, 208, Liverpool, halted Jim Burns, 200, Rugeley, in the fourth.

George Bailey, 116, Bradford, stopped Paddy Maguire, 118, Birmingham, at 1:00 of the first. Maguire was floored once, by a left hook.

Paul Murray, 147, Birmingham, outscored Nick Riozzi, 150, Leicester, six. Scoreline: 60-57½.
(11-24-81)

▲ **SHEFFIELD—City Hall**—Herol Graham, 153¼, Retford, won the Commonwealth light middleweight crown by outpointing defending champion Kenny Bristol, also 153¼, Guyana, over 15 by 148-146½.

It was the 19th straight victory for Graham, who already held the British title, and there could be no doubting his supremacy. It wasn't an exciting fight because both were content to counterpunch, and Graham didn't take any risks because he didn't have to.

Mick Mills, 152, Sheffield, stopped Horace McKenzie, 150, Cardiff, in the second round on a cut near the left eye.

John Ridgeman, 152, Boreham Wood, halted Glen Crump, also 152, Sheffield, the ref intervening after Crump had been down twice.

Peter Bennett, 148, Manchester, outscored Johnny Francis, 149, Manchester over six by 59½-58½.

John Pollard, 133, Manchester, made his pro debut by knocking out Alan Tombs, 132, Hastings, in the fourth round with a left hook to the head.
(11-25-81)

▲ **STOKE—North Staffs Sporting Club**—Steve Topliss, 125, Melbourne, outscored Brian Hyslop, 128, Glasgow, over eight by 79½-78. The previously unbeaten Hyslop was decked in round three.

Derek Nelson, 146, Sunderland, outpointed Johnny Burns, 153, Birmingham, over six by 59½-58½.

Lee Halford, 138, Leicester, narrowly outpointed Kevin Howard, 133½, Sunderland, six. Scoreline: 59-58½.

Steve Brannan, 141, Bedworth, outpointed Norman Morton, 140½, Newcastle, over six by 59½-59.

Errol Dennis, 149, Wolverhampton, stopped Dave Rylands, 153, South Shields, in the second. Rylands was cut by the right eye.
(11-25-81)

▲ **HARTLEPOOL—Borough Hall**—Stewart Lithgo, 197½, Hartlepool, won the Northern Area heavyweight title by outpointing defending champion George Scott, 227, over 10 by 99½-97. Scott had been inactive for nine months.

Neil Fannan, 163½, Hartlepool, kayoed Owen Stafford, 164, Hammersmith, in 1:38 of the first round with a left hook to the head.

Billy Bryce, 156, Sunderland, and Kevin Durkin, 155, Bradford, drew, eight.

Chris McCallum, 135, Edinburgh, outpointed Eddie Glass, 136, Hartlepool, six. Scoreline: 59½-59.

Phil Gibson, 149, Hartlepool, outpointed Charlie Douglas, 148, Larkhall, six. Socreline: 59½-58½.
(11-26-81)

▲ **MIDDLESBORUGH—Marton Country Club**—British bantamweight champion John Feeney, 124, didn't lose a round outpointing American David Brown, 126, eight. Scoreline: 80-77½.

Peter Jones, 118, Gorseinon, stopped Ray Plant, 124, South Shields. The referee intervened in round six after Plant had been down twice and was cut by the right eye. The cut needed four stitches.

Graeme Ahmed, 153, South Shields, outscored Dave Douglas, 150, Larkhall, by 78½-78 over eight. Douglas was down in round six. He came in as a late sub.

Barry Ahmed, 164, South Shields, halted Joe Dean, 161, in the sixth and final round. Dean was down in the second.
(11-29-81)

▲ **BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Cordwell Hylton, 178, Walsall, stopped Ben Lawlor, 177½, Kilkenny, in the second. The ref stepped in after Lawlor had been down. It was the latter's first defeat.

## BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Neville Meade (England)
2. Gordon Ferris (No. Ireland)
3. Billy Aird (England)
4. Steve Aczel (Australia)
5. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
6. Conroy Nelson (Canada)
7. Ken Lagusta (Canada)
8. Gordon Racette (Canada)
9. Stewart Lithgo (England)
10. David Pearce (Wales)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Tony Mundine (Australia)
5. John Odehiamba (Uganda)
6. Bunny Johnson (England)
7. Roddy MacDonald (Canada)
8. Stan Bogovic (Australia)
9. Dennis Andries (England)
10. Gary Summerhays (Canada)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tony Sibson (England)
1. Alan Minter (England)
2. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
3. Roy Gumbs (St. Kitts)
4. Fernand Marcotte (Canada)
5. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
6. Wally Carr (Australia)
7. Eddie Burke (Scotland)
8. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
9. Mark Truck (Canada)
10. Eddie Smith (England)

**LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Maurice Hope (England)
2. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
3. Wayne Caplette (Canada)
4. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
5. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
6. Chris Christian (England)
7. Steve Dennis (Australia)
8. Elisha Obed (Bahamas)
9. Brian Anderson (England)
10. Steve Hopkin (England)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Frank Ropis (Australia)
3. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
4. Mark Harris (Guyana)
5. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
6. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
7. Lloyd Hibbert (England)
8. Lachie Austin (Australia)
9. Dave Barago (Australia)
10. Reggie Ford (Guyana)

**LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Steve Early (England)
4. Des Morrison (England)
5. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
6. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
7. Mike Parsons (Trinidad)
8. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
9. Sid Smith (England)
10. Nick Furlano (Canada)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Claude Noel (Trinidad)
2. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
3. Charlie Nash (No. Ireland)
4. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
5. Ray Cattouse (England)
6. John Summerhays (Canada)
7. George Feeney (England)
8. Dave McCabe (Scotland)
9. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
10. Ricky Beaumont (England)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)
1. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
2. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
3. Brian Roberts (Australia)
4. Steve Sims (Wales)
5. Jimmy Flint (England)
6. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
7. Gary Williams (Australia)
8. Leonard Pinnock (Canada)
9. Thomas Gourley (Canada)
10. Vernon Penprase (England)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. John Feeney (England)
2. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
3. Dave Smith (England)
4. Davy Larmour (No. Ireland)
5. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
6. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
7. Young Ali (Nigeria)
8. Glen Walsh (Australia)
9. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
10. Stuart Nicol (England)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Steve Bell (Australia)
3. Raimy Joe (Nigeria)
4. Pedro Solo (Australia)
5. Ray Amoo (Nigeria)
6. John Hipwell (Australia)
7. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
8. Dave George (Wales)
9. Gary Nickels (England)
10. Attah Yeboah (Ghana)

*John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Tiger Man (Papua), Safiu Okebadan (Nigeria), Willi Tarika (Fiji), Big Jim West (Australia).*

Kostos Petrou, 143, Birmingham, outscored Steve Tempro, also 143, Leicester, six. Scoreline: 59½-58.

John Lindo, 141½, Bradford, narrowly outscored Johnny Burns, 142½, Birmingham, over six by 59-58½.

Steve Henderson, 128, Aylesbury, halted Arl Gaynor, 128½, Manchester, in the sixth and final round. The bout was stopped after Gaynor was knocked down.
(11-30-81)

▲ **ENNISKILLEN—Larkland Forum—**Liam Coleman, 175, based in Leeds, retained his Northern Ireland light heavyweight crown by beating Trevor Kerr, 172, Fivemiletown, who retired with a damaged right hand at the end of round six.

Jimmy Carson, 114, Belfast, outscored Eddie Glencross, 112, Glasgow, eight. Scoreline: 79½-78½. Carson is still undefeated.

Larry Monaghan, 147, stopped Davy Campbell, 146, Enniskillen, holder of the Northern Ireland light welter title, in the second. The bout was halted due to a cut by Campbell's right eye.

Kenny Bruce, 126, Enniskillen, made his pro debut by outpointing Jim Harvey, 123, Glasgow, six. Scoreline: 60-58. Kenny didn't lose a round.
(11-30-81)

▲ **LONDON—Elephant & Castle Recreation Centre—**Chris Sanigar, 138¾, Hoxton, won the Southern Area light welter crown by knocking out Sid Smith, 140, Forest Hill, in round four with an attack to the body.

Billy O'Grady, 136¼, Deptford, halted Kevin Docherty, 135½, West Ham, in round five, Kevin was down in the third.

Jackie Sharpe, 158, Lewisham, outscored Casley McAllum, 157¼, Croydon, six. Scoreline: 59½-58. A crowd pleaser that brought nobbins.

Terry Smith, 135, Covent Garden, brother of Sid Smith, made his pro debut by knocking out Tony Davis, 134½, St. Mary Cray, with a right hand in round one.

Another debutant, Kevin Woolnaugh, 175¾, Basildon, outscored Glenroy Taylor, 179, Chiswick, over six by 60-57. Woolnaugh won every round.
(11-30-81)

▲ **DERBY—Assembly Room—**Joey Mack, 145, Birmingham, retained his Midlands Area welterweight title by outpointing John Kennedy, 148, Draycott, 10. Scoreline: 98½-97½. Mack was down four times in the first five rounds, but his manager, Mike Sendell, later said they were all pushes.

Stewart Shaw, Nottingham, kayoed Gerry Devine, 128¼, Paisley, in the fourth round after knocking him down twice.

Gerry Beard, 135¼, Nottingham, and Eric Wood, 137, Doncaster, drew, eight.

Rob Wada, 162½, Wolverhampton, outscored Joey Saunders, 161, Nottingham, over six by 59½-58½.

Clive Beardsley, 171½, Melbourne, outpointed Jerry Golden, 177½, Manchester, over six by 60-57½.
(12-01-81)

▲ **BURSLEM—Mayfair—**Dennis Pryce, 154, Wolverhampton, stopped John Ridgman, 150, Boreham Wood, in the seventh.

Gary Knight, 147, West Ham, halted Errol Dennis, 145½, Wolverhampton, in the second.

Willie Wright, 161½, Birmingham, outpointed Mark Kelly, 161, Crewe, six. Scoreline: 59-58½. It was Kelly's pro debut.

Gary Hobbs, 163½, Acton, outscored Russell Humphreys, 162, Shrewsbury, over six by 59-58½. An excellent crowd pleaser that brought nobbins.
(12-02-81)

▲ **MANCHESTER—Rotters Club—**Chris Coady, 161¾, Manchester, kayoed Leo Mulhearn, 163, Doncaster, with a left to the jaw after the latter had been floored on two occasions. Plenty of action in that one. Ending came in round seven.

Carl Bailey, 150¾, Manchester, halted Johnny Francis, 147½, in the fourth. The referee stopped it with Francis still on his feet, but taking punishment.

Jonjo Green, 173½, Manchester, halted Winston Richards, 177, Sheffield. Richards retired in round two with an injured shoulder.

Peter Flannagan, 138, Manchester, outscored John Malone, 136½, Manchester, over six, 60-57½. Malone was down in the fourth session.

John Stoke, 178, outpointed Paul Doyle, 177, six, 59½-57½.
(12-02-81)

▲ **BRISTOL—Mayfair Suite—**Julian Bousted, 141, Torquay, halted Robert Welburn, 140½, Hull, in the fifth round.

Gordon Haigh, 122, Hull, kayoed Ray Cunningham, 121, Torquay, in the fourth with a left hook. Haigh had come in as a sub.

Tommy Thomas, 150¼, Tottenham, stopped Shaun Stanley, 134¼, Bournemouth, in the second.

Jeff Pegler, 143, Swansea, outscored Keith Johnson, 142½, Bournemouth, six. Scoreline; 60-58½.

Alan Thomas, 133½, Bristol, outpointed Steve Kane, 135½, Swansea, over four, 40-39.
(12-04-81)

▲ **MANCHESTER—Anglo-American Sporting Club—**Phil Duckworth, 146, Leeds, halted Carl Bailey, also 146, in round three via a cut near the right eye.

Mal Kirk, 175½, Ashton, stopped Paul Heatley, 174, Manchester, in the fourth round.

Dave Taylor, 143½, Liverpool, halted Kevin Walsh, 144, Manchester, in round five.

Wayne Crolla, 146¾, Manchester, made his pro debut by stopping Mick Riozzi, 150, Leicester, in the second.
(12-07-81)

▲ **NOTTINGHAM—Great Int. Sporting Club—**George Bailey, 118, Bradford, won a narrow verdict over Stuart Nicol, 119, Cambuslang, eight. Scoreline: 78½-78. It was a boxer vs. fighter contest, and the boxer won.

Jerry Beard, 135, Nottingham, outscored Craig Walsh, 134, Bradford, over six by 59½-58.

Dino Wallace, 163, Wolverhampton, outpointed Mickey Kidd, 160, Leicester, six. Scoreline: 59½-58.

In yet another 59½-58 scoreline, John Sharkey, 138, Glasgow, outpointed Alec Irvine, 128, Corby, six.
(12-07-81)

▲ **BELFAST—Ulster Hall—**Barney McGuigan, 127, Clones, halted Peter Eubanks, also 127, Brighton, in the eighth and final round. This was a fine bout to watch, and the fans threw in nobbins.

Frank McCullagh, 173, Belfast, outpointed Clint Jones, also 173, Crawley, over six by 60-57½.

Patsy Quinn (real name Danny McAllister), 139, Belfast, made his pro debut by knocking out sub Gerry Maguire, 142, Lurgan, in the second after decking him twice.

Another debutant, Hugh Russell, 118, Belfast, a former Olympic Bronze Medalist, stopped Jim Harvey, 119¾, Glasgow. The referee halted matters in the fifth round after Harvey had been down on four occasions.

Keith Bristol, 177½, Battersea, stopped Paul Newman, 171, Bognor Regis. The bout was stopped in the first session after Newman had been on the canvas twice.
(12-08-81)

▲ **PEMBROKE—Pennar Palladium—**Chris Lawson, 176½, Pembroke, halted Greg Evans, 175½, Liverpool, in round three. The bout was stopped after Evans had been down twice.

Steve Davies, 154, Pembroke, outscored Winston Burnett, 154, Cardiff, eight, 79-77½.

Jeff Pegler, 151, Swansea, narrowly outpointed Delroy Pearce, Tottenham, six, 59½-59.

John O'Neill, 178, Pembroke, stopped sub Jonjo Green, 176, Manchester, in the sixth and final round. Green had been down, but he didn't appear to be in too much difficulty, and the decision didn't please Green, or some of the fans.

Noel Blair, 155½, Slough, outpointed Tony Hart, 162, Swansea, four, 40-38½.
(12-08-81)

▲ **SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club—**Mick Mills, 149½, Sheffield, kayoed Curtis Marsh, 158, Highgate, in the second round with a high hook. This reversed a previous defeat.

Terry Marsh, 142, Basildon, climbed off a canvas in the first round to outpoint Gary Brooks, 141½, Stoke Newington, over six by 59-57½. Marsh is still unbeaten. Brooks had been inactive for eight months.

Alan Power, 149, Finchley, halted Roger Ryder, 148, Bournemouth, in the fourth round.

Cliff Curtis, 157, Swindon, outscored Mike Harrison, also 157, Heston, six.
(12-08-81)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club—**Lloyd Christie, 140, Wolverhampton, halted Colin Wake, 142, Hull, in round seven.

Steve Henderson, 127½, Aylesbury, kayoed Lee Graham, Finchley, in the fifth round with a devastating short right to the jaw.

John Joseph, 171½, Hayes, outpointed Geoff Rymer, 166, Hull over six by 59-58½.

Johnny Dorey, 120, Eltham, outscored Michael Wilks, also 120, Merthyr over six by 60-58.
(12-09-81)

▲ **LONDON—Walthamstow Assembly Hall—**Vernon Vanriel, 135½, Tottenham, halted Billy Vivian, also 135½, the referee intervening in the second after Billy had been decked three times.

A fine performance by Vanriel, who is making a comback after an enforced lay-off due to an injured back. Vivian later announced his retirement.

Lee McKenzie, 143½, Croydon, outscored Dave Finnigan, 144, Balham, six, 59-58½. This was Lee's first contest over three-minute rounds.

Ashley Jones, 157, Walthamstow, outpointed Jimmy Ward, 155, Southampton, six, 59-58½. The fans threw in nobbins after this one.

Tony Burke, 161¾, Croydon, outscored Bobby Williams, 161, Southampton, six, 59½-58½.

Michael Marsden, 126¼, Halifax, stopped Danny Allen, 125, Islington, in the second.

Funso Banjo, 211½, West Ham, knocked out Dave Fry, 225½, Bournemouth, with a right hand in the second.
(12-10-81)

▲ **NEWPORT—Athletic Club—**Steve Sims, 128, Newport, outscored Jean Marc Renard, 127, Belgium, eight, 78½-78. Some thought Renard deserved a share of the honors. Sims, the number one contender for Pat Cowdell's British featherweight title, showed plenty of aggression, but Renard impressed with clever boxing.

Darwin Brewster, 154, Cardiff, outpointed Joe Jackson, 160, Coventry, eight, 79½-77½.

Tyrell Wilson, 144½, Newport, stopped Steve Brannan, 142, the referee intervening in the third round with Brannan under severe pressure.

Andy King, 120½, Blaegarw, outpointed Steve Reilly, 117¾, Newport, six, 59-58½.
(12-10-81)

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# AFRICA

## SOUTH AFRICA

### NATAL

▲ **DURBAN—West Ridge Tennis Stadium**—Natal lightweight champion Brian Baronet survived several anxious moments before knocking out American veteran Sammy Goss with a right to the head in the seventh round.

Goss had studied a videotape of Baronet's previous fight and had worked out a counter to Brian's left hook. As Baronet fired his favourite punch, Goss invariably slipped the blow and countered to the body.

By the middle rounds, Baronet was often twisting his body in an attempt to avoid the blows and took many in the kidneys. It was only when Baronet began making more use of his right hand that the fight turned.

"When I saw you at the weigh-in I thought you were just a kid and I'd have an easy time," Goss told Baronet after the fight. "Now I know different. You've got what it takes to become a champion."

In the main supporting bout, Jimmy Abbott battered American heavyweight Harvey Steichen for three rounds before Steichen slumped into a neutral corner to take the full count.
(12-14-81)

BERT BLEWETT

# ORIENT

## JAPAN

▲ **KUSHIMA CITY, MIYAZAKI PREFECTURE—Kushima City Gymnasium**—Phoenix Taniguchi, 106, knocked out Shinji Takagi, 108, in 2:52 of the third session in a scheduled 10.

Kenzo Takasugi, 122, stopped Mitsuo Shimokawa, 121½, at 2:53 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Four-rounders: Hiroshi Yamaguchi, 116¾, halted Kenji Noguchi, 116¼, at 1:40 of the first round. Seiji Maruyama, 120¼, outscored Hikaru Yamada, 118¾. Tadashi Maruo, 136½, outpointed Kiyomitsu Tanimoto, 139. Shinichi Akagi, 140¾, halted Shuji Morita, also 140¾, at 2:40 of the second in the opener.

Attendance—1,300!
(10-30-81)

▲ **KANAZAWA CITY—Ishikawa Prefectural Industrial Exhibition Arena**—Hitoshi Ohashi, 120½, won a unanimous decision over shorter Kazumi Sato, 121, 10. Scoring: referee Koichi Ushida, 99-94; judge Masao Kato, 100-92; judge Takaomi Ito, 100-94.

Hayao Shiba, 134¼, the JBC's top ranked lightweight contender, eked out a majority decision over Matsumi (Sincere) Inoue, 134, Osaka, 10. Scoring: referee Masao Kato, 98-97; judge Takaomi Ito, 97-96; judge Koichi Ushida, 97-97.

Kazumi Nakao, 146¾, kayoed glass jawed Haruki Miyagawa, 146, in 2:52 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Miyagawa ought to be retired.

Kenji Kuroshio, 129¾, outscored Shinji Futamura, 128¼.

Masahiro Watanabe, 136, knocked out Hideji Kawamura, 138½, in 0:42 of round two in the opening four.

Hokuriku-Ishimaru Promotions.
(11-01-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—African import Isaiah (Yonekura) Ikhoni, 133, dropped taller Tomio Namakura, also 133, the JBC's second ranked featherweight, thrice for an automatic kayo in 2:51 of the fourth in a scheduled eight-rounder. The 22-year-old Ikhoni is now 2-0—both kayoes. Masakazu Uchida, referee.

Yushin (Modest) Napunyi, 127, kayoed Ken Sogo, also 127, in 0:54 of round four in their scheduled eight. Sogo was down once in the first round and twice more in the fourth. Hiroyuki Tezaki, referee. Napunyi is now 2-0 with one kayo. Sogo is 10-23-1 with seven knockouts.

The JBC's Makoto Hosaka presented the WBA's Dempsey Shield to former junior flyweight champ Yoko Gushiken. Yoko, who had tabbed 13 consecutive defenses before losing to Pedro Flores, recently hung 'em up for good.

Kozo Fukutani, 144, halted Masanori Omori, also 144, at 1:33 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Fukutani is now 6-3 with five kayoes. Omori is 5-8 with three knockouts.

Speedsters Noritetsu Kato and Kazuo Katsuma, both 114, put on a give-and-take performance that resulted in a unanimous draw (58-58 and double 57-57), six. Katsuma hit the deck twice from left hooks following sharp one-twos in the first round, but came back superbly.

Four-rounders: Shinnosuke Nakazawa, 122, floored Kazuhito Nakahira, also 122, twice with right hand swings—the second time for the full count in 0:36 of the first session. Yoshikuni Matsubara, 127, kayoed Tatsu Arihara, also 127, in 1:19 of the first. Isamu Hirabayashi, 115, and southpaw Kazuya Okubo, also 115, drew. Kanji Itsukaichi, 122, won unanimous decision over shorter Koki Sunagawa, also 122. Hisashi Nakayashiki, 118, floored Osamu Tokoyoda, also 118, twice and stopped him at 2:13 of the first round in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—1,200.
(11-03-81)

▲ **HAMAMATSU CITY—Hamamatsu City Gymnasium**—The card featured winners of the Central Japan Zone *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney against winners from the *Kyushu* (Southern Japan) block.

Nineteen-year-old Hiroyuki Aikata, 107¾, dropped Yoshi Ikeda, 106½, with a straight left in the first round, but went down himself in the fourth session. The six-round contest was declared a draw. Scores: 58-58 (twice) and 58-57, Aikata. Hiroyuki has been tabbed to meet the winner of the West-Japan block in the next round of the tourney.

Hidemitsu Takemoto, 133½, TKO'd Fumio Nada, 133, at 2:24 of the sixth and final round. Nada's left ear was bleeding badly, and the ringside doc advised referee Masao Kato to halt proceedings.

Tatsunari Hisahiro, 122, won a shutout unanimous decision over Hirohisa Katayama, 121½, six.

Moriyuki Akaboshi, 110½, had Kiyohito Matsushima, 111¼, reeling with a vicious right hook and won via unanimous duke, six.

Kiyoshi Nonaka, 128, won a unanimous decision over Tsutomu Sakumoto, 129¾, six. Nonaka is now 6-2 with four knockouts.

Tomohiro Nagao, 142¼, an underdog with a 1-2 record, floored Yoshinori Hotta, 147, in the third and won via unanimous decision, six.

Seiji Fujiwara, 139¼, kayoed Tadayoshi Hotta, 140, with a wicked left hook to the jaw in 2:00 of the third round in their scheduled six.

Isamu Nakabayashi, 115, won unanimous decision over Kenji Azuma, 114¾, in the six-round opener.

The Central Japan Shinjin-o tournament committee selected Hiroyuki Aikata as the best fighter on the program. This was a "hometown decision."

Saion Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,300.
(11-04-81)

▲ **KOCHI—Prefectural Gymnasium**—The bill consisted of the West-Japan Zone *Shinjin-o* tourney finals. All the bouts were scheduled for six.

Tetsuya Ozaki, 146½, dropped Masahiro Hirayama, 144¾, and referee Ryoji Kashiwagi stopped the bout at 1:08 of the first session. Ozaki is now 3-0-1 with one knockout.

Shinji Shinagawa, 127¼, ran his log to 4-0-1 (two kayoes) with a shutout unanimous decision over Suejiro Kuramura, 129½.

Taruya Rokusha won by default when his scheduled opponent, Kiyoto Miyata, declined to box (featherweights).

Ryoji Fukumoto, 121½, climbed off the canvas in the first round to kayo his opponent in 2:56 of the second. Fukumoto is now 5-3 with four kayoes.

Seiichi Hijiri, 117½, won an upset unanimous decision over Manabu Niwazukino, 117. Hijiri is now 2-8-1 with no kayoes.

Junior banty Masami Higashiyama won by default when Tatsuo Takao cancelled his entry.

Kenbun Taiho, 106½, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Masato Sato, 107¼.

Koji Kato, 157¾, won an upset decision over Toru Nakanishi, 159¼, in the opener.

Taruya Rokusha and Masami Higashiyama, both of whom were victors without fighting, sparred three rounds. The Tournament Committee was probably reluctant to give honors to the boxers if they didn't sweat.

West-Japan *Shinjin-o* Tournament Committee. No telecast.

Attendance—1,780.
(11-11-81)

## JAPANESE RATINGS BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF JANUARY 17, 1982)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Kenji Shibata
1. Caesar Sasaki
2. Keitoku Chirima
3. Kenji Miyata

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Michihiro Horihata
1. Katsuhiro Sawada
2. Yohi Arai
3. Mamoru Taira

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Dynamite Matsuo
1. Jyunkya Kushikino
2. Kazuhiko Yasuda
3. Katsuyoshi Kitsumoto
4. Minoru Sugiya
5. Kazumi Nakao
6. Ikuya Toshinai
7. Koji Sasagawa

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tatsuya Moriyasu
1. Hidekazu Akai
2. Eiichi Fukumoto
3. Shogun Hatakeyama
4. Katsuhiro Okubo
5. Kazunori Shiratori
6. Nobutaka Kuwata
7. Kiyomasa Kato
8. Ryutaro Otsuki
9. Kiyotaro Chinen
10. No Listing

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jyoken Narita
1. Tadao Ishido
2. Hayao Shiba
3. Kaneatsu Yamamoto
4. Takashi Sugimoto
5. Tsunehiro Fuchiwaki
6. Keizo Kurebayashi
7. Hammer Itoi
8. Fujio Ozaki
9. Syaian Yamamoto
10. No Listing

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Yoshimitsu Azato
1. Takeshi Hamada
2. Ryu Fakida
3. Yonekura Ikhoni
4. Katsuji Sano
5. Blazer Okubo
6. Masahiro Takagi
7. Yoshitaka Ito
8. Toshiaki Nakamoto
9. Ken Sogo
10. No Listing

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Spider Nemoto
1. Eijiro Kuruma
2. Yushin Napunyi
3. Gen Tosa
4. Fusao Imai
5. Tomio Nakamura
6. Kuniyoshi Kuwabara
7. Yasuhide Takahashi
8. Kosei Kawaguchi
9. Tomoharu Yamamoto
10. Hiroyuki Yatsu

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Hiroyuki Iwamoto
1. Kenichi Ito
2. Naoki Kobayashi
3. Toshiyuki Tanaka
4. Bunji Ando
5. Sanji Ito
6. Dragon Hayakawa
7. Satoru Koguchi
8. Keiji Kawamura
9. Condor Yamamoto
10. Toshi Okuma

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Syuichi Isogami
1. Hitoshi Ohashi
2. Tsuguyuki Toma
3. Hideharu Mitsui
4. Masaru Yamamoto
5. Katsuyuki Ohashi
6. Ryu Takeshi
7. Jiro Takada
8. Masayuki Kirisaki
9. Hideyuki Kawai
10. Makoto Taguchi

**JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tsutomu Itokazu
1. Jackal Maruyama
2. Koji Kobayashi
3. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
4. Kiyoshi Oyama
5. Kazumi Sato
6. Marcano Sekiyama
7. Yasuo Azato
8. Kazuhiko Kawahira
9. Hiroyuki Seki
10. Kazuo Osamu

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Kazumasa Tamaki
1. Syuichi Hozumi
2. Toshihiro Okumoto
3. Mitsuo Imazato
4. Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi
5. Masaru Fuji
6. Shinji Takagi
7. Osamu Yoshiyama
8. Mutsuo Watanabe
9. Yuto Kazaki
10. No Listing

**JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tadashi Tomori
1. Hiroyuki Tada
2. Kazuyoshi Funaki
3. Yoshiaki Kanda
4. Phoenix Taniguchi
5. Rikuo Watanabe
6. Katsumi Sato
7. Takashi Nakayama
8. Tetsumi Takeshita
9. Road Mitsuru
10. Puma Koya

Japanese boxers holding world titles: Tadashi Mihara (WBA junior middleweight), Katsuo Tokashiki (WBA junior flyweight).

Japanese boxers holding OPBF titles: Eijiro Murata (bantamweight).

Other Japanese boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Akio Kameda (#1 WBA junior welterweight; #10 WBC welterweight), Yasutsune Uehara (#8 WBA junior lightweight), Hikaru Tomonari (#4 WBA junior lightweight), Hiroshi Gonohe (#2 WBA junior featherweight), Hurricane Teru (#7 WBA bantamweight, #4 WBC), Jiro Watanabe (#6 WBC junior bantamweight; #7 WBA), Shoji Oguma #4 WBC junior bantamweight; #8 WBA), Nobuyuki Watanabe (#8 WBC junior flyweight; #9 WBC), Koki Ishii (*#1 WBA flyweight; #9 WBC), Masaharu Inami (#7 WBC junior flyweight; #9 WBA).*

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The *Shinjin-o* semi-finals in the East-Japan Zone (including Tokyo and Yokohama) were held over two days at the Hall. These are the results of the first day of competition.

The level in this zone, or block, has been much higher than that of the other divisions. The East-Japan winners have dominated the annual All-Japan finals (held in early spring) in every year so far.

Shinichi Koita, 108, battled to a hard fought draw with unbeaten southpaw Kentoku Nakama, 107, six. But the more aggressive Koita, now 6-1-1, was given the right to fight in the All-Japan final by the JBC officials. Nakama, a year his junior at 19, is 5-1 with one kayo.

Hard hitting Yoshiyuki Uchida, 111¾, revenged his sole defeat by stopping Hiroyasu Kato, 112, at 0:52 of the first round in their rematch. Uchida is now 5-1 with five kayoes.

Kazuki Higa, 114½, demolished Haruhito Sakamoto, 115, in 0:37 of the third. Higa, 21, is now 4-0 with three knockouts.

Yoshimu Oyama, 118, and Kazuhiro Matsuda, also 118, drew, four, in a battle of 18-year-olds. Scores: 39-39 (twice), 40-39, Oyama. The more agressive Oyama, now 4-0-1 with one kayo, was chosen to enter the forthcoming final.

Takeshi Mitsu, 120½, won a shutout unanimous decision over Tsutomu Hasegawa, 120¾, in a dull four-rounder. Takeshi, who lacks convincing power, is now 7-1 with one kayo.

Rusher Kawaguchi, 125¼, TKO'd Naka Nakazawa, also 125¼, at 2:10 of the third. Kawaguchi is now 5-0 with two knockouts.

Yoshinari Tanaka, 130, outboxed and outpunched slower Fighter Matsukawa, 129½, and won via unanimous decision, four. Tanaka is now 5-0 with two kayoes. Matsukawa is 3-0 with two knockouts.

Miharu Muto, floored Katsuhiko Yokoyama, 133½, in the first round and won by unanimous decision, four. Muto is now 7-3-1 with two kayoes.

Shigeru Kawasaka, 145¼, climbed off the deck to stop southpaw Mamoru Numasaka, 145¾, at 2:49 of the first round with a left-right combination. Yusaku Yoshida, referee.

Mamoru Numasaka, 20, was declared the winner in the middle-weight division when his opponent, Hiroaki Watanabe, 32, decided not to fight.

East-Japan *Shinjin-o* Tournament Committee. No telecast.

Attendance—1,000. (11-16-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The results of the second day of competition in the East-Japan *Shinjin-o* semi-finals were as follows:

Yoshio Shinbori, 159½, won a shutout (40-36, 40-37, 40-38) unanimous decision over Katsumi Mishima, 160, four.

Shuichiro Kawahira, 146, kayoed Masayuki Okuda, 146¼, with a right to the temple in 2:26 of the first.

Hiroshi Kanamori, 139, knocked out Shigeki Matsui, 139¾, in 2:08 of the first round. Kanamori, 20, is now 3-0 with two kayoes. The loser was counted out on the second knockdown.

Masashige Nishimura, 133¼, flattened Katsumi Motoki, 135, in 0:14 of the thrid session. Nishimura, 17, is now 4-0 with three knockouts.

Toshizo Kaneku, 130, won a shutout verdict over Hidenari Adachi, also 130, in four monotonous rounds.

Featherweight sensation Mitsuru Sugiya, 125, the 17-year-old brother of former Japanese junior welter champ Minoru, won a unanimous duke over taller Masayoshi Kashiwakura, 125¼, four. Sugiya is now 5-0 with three kayoes, but must improve his defense if he wants to follow in his brother's footsteps.

Takashi Komori, 121½, kayoed Mitsuru Nanamegi, 122, with left hooks in 0:44 of the second. Komori, 21, looks promising.

Norio Hasegawa, 118, eked out a majority decision over Takashi Suzuki, 117½, four. Hasegawa, 21, is now 5-0-1 without any kayoes.

Toshio Otsuka, 113½, stopped Kenichi Saito, 113¾, at 1:47 of the third round.

Nori Ichimura, an underdog, was declared the winner when Yasunobu Imataki was unable to appear because of an injury. The favored Imataki is 5-0 with three knockouts.

Takahiro Masaki, 107¼, outscored Kenji Ono, also 107½, in the junior flyweight opener.

East-Japan *Shinjin-o* Tournament Committee. No telecast.

Attendance—1,000.

(11-17-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Yoshimitsu Azato, 130, retained his national junior lightweight crown with a unanimous decision over Katsuji Sano, 129½, 10.

The scoring was as follows: referee Takeshi Shimakawa, 99-95; judge Takeaki Kanaya, 98-96; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 98-95. Azato is now 10-1-1 with five kayoes. Sano is 20-9-4 with four knockouts.

Katsuo Tokashiki boxed a three-round exhibition with Hideto Osanai.

Hisashi Ishikawa, 126, halted Hiroaki Kikuchi, also 126, at 1:53 of round five in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Shizuo Iwamoto, 118¾, stopped Hiroshi Mizuno, 119, at 1:52 of the fourth. Takaharu Nishimura, 117½, halted Tetsu Takahashi, also 117½, at 2:54 of the first. Masahiro Sako, 128¼, won a unanimous decision over Susumu Asari, 129. Tomohiro Kiyuna, 105¼, made his pro debut by halting Susumu Arimei, 107¾, at 2:19 of the first round. Kazuhiko Tsutsui, 107¼, stopped Michihiro Ito, 107¾, at 1:08 of the first frame in the opener.

Masaki Kanehira's Kyoei Promotions.

Attendance—1,200.

(11-18-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Southpaw Koji Kobayashi, 115½, knocked out Thai champ Phaktai (Lipoviatan-D) Osodsapha, 116, with a strong left to the face in 1:50 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10-round affair.

The 5'7" Kobayashi, 24, is now 15-1-2 with 11 kayoes. Osodsapha is 18-3 with eight knockouts. It was his first kayo loss.

Takashi Nakayama, 111¾, knocked out Suriya Pratumvadee, also 111¾, with a well timed right in 2:45 of round eight in their scheduled 10. Nakayama is now 7-1-1 with six kayoes. Suriya is 18-11 with three knockouts. Hiroyuki Tezaki, referee.

Masaaki Miyata, 128¾, kayoed taller Masaharu Owada, 129½, with a strong left hook to the jaw in 2:31 of the fifth session in a scheduled eight. Miyata, 23, is now 9-4 with eight kayoes. Owada, 20, is 5-5-1 with four knockouts.

Four-rounders: Chiyohiro Mizoguchi, 107½, won a narrow verdict over Akimi Motoi, 107. Yukinori Onishi, 111¾, won a shutout decision over Masakatsu Sakuma, 110½. Yuminori Tokutome, 114, floored Kazumasa Yamashiro, 114½, twice with overhand rights and stopped him at 0:30 of round three. Shin Miyamoto, 134½, demolished Tetsu Kuroda, 133¾, at 2:34 of the second in a battle between debutants. Shigemichi Wakatsuki, 125½, won a unanimous (all three cards 39-37) decision over fellow lefty Jitsuo Iwasaki, 125¾. Hideaki Sato, 122, dropped Minoru Baba, 120, in the third and won by split (double 39-38, Sato; 39-38, Baba) decision. Tadashi Kuramochi, 106½, eked out a close but unanimous verdict over Yoshihiro Kaji, 106. Chuji Handa, 121¼, halted Tamaki Fujie, 122, at 1:35 of the fourth and final session in the opener.

Kadoebi Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,000.

(11-21-81)

▲ **OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium**—Spider Nemoto, 125½, retained his Japanese featherweight title for the 13th time with a unanimous decision over taller Yoshiharu Watanabe, 126, Osaka, 10. Scoring: referee Ryoji Kashiwagi, 98-91; judge Nobumitsu Inuakai, 97-90; judge Hiroshi Matsumoto, 97-96. Nemoto, who bombarded the challenger's breadbasket, is now 42-8-2 with 11 kayoes. Watanabe, 23, a southpaw, is 6-3-2 with five knockouts.

Lefty Jiro Watanabe, 115, halted shorter Tito Abella, 113, Philippines, at 1:46 of round four in a scheduled 12-round mismatch. Jiro has now won four bouts since his unanimous decision loss to WBC super fly king Chul-Ho Kim last April. His manager probably wants to show a winning streak to the WBC Ratings Committee. But the men he's beaten have been pushovers. The WBC should consider that as well.

Four-rounders: Sumihiro Suda, 128¼, and Tadashi Kono, 128, drew. Kazuhiro Satoyama, 124, outscored Akihiko Abiru, 125. Katsutoshi Horie, 111, halted Hiroo Tsuchitani, also 111, at 2:35 of the first round. Tomoharu Ogawa, 134¼, demolished Mikihiro Kawakami, 134, in 2:18 of the second. Akio Yamashita, 116½, outpointed Keiichi Nakagawa, 118, in the opener.

Osaka Teiken Promotions.

Attendance—4,500. No telecast.

(11-25-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese welterweight champion Dyanmite Matsuo, 147¾, and rookie Kazuhiko Yasuda, also 147¾, drew, 10 rounds, non-title.

The 19-year-old Yasuda looked to be the winner. He bounced left jabs off the champ's head and was in command in the majority of rounds. Japanese officials tend to almost disregard left jabs in scoring (unless they are followed up with rights), but the pace was dominated by Yasuda. Referee Ken Morita scored the contest 98-97, Yasuda, but judge Shoji Nakamori had it a 97-97 draw and judge Masakazu Uchida carded 97-96, Uchida. Those two judges need bifocals.

Matsuo is now 19-10-5 with 16 kayoes. Yasuda, the JBC's third ranked junior middle, is 6-2-1 with five knockouts. Kazuhiko, the 1981 *Shinjin-o* tourney winner in the middleweight division, looks quite promising.

Gen Tosa, 128, a southpaw, iced Fusao Imai, also 128, in 2:53 of round six in the 10-round semi-final. Tosa, 28, an ex-kick boxer, is now 11-2 with four knockouts. Imai, a former All-Japan *Shinjin-o* winner, is 9-4-2 with four kayoes.

Toshiaki Nakamoto, 134½, floored Takashi Otsuka, 132, twice and four the count in 2:19 of round one in a scheduled eight.

Koji Yamamoto, 134½, stopped Seitaro Chinen, 134¼, at 1:50 of the seventh in their scheduled eight-rounder.

Isao Kimura, 105, outscored Junichi Ota, 107¾, six.

Junichi Misawa, 129½, stopped Kenjiro Misawa, also 129½, at 1:53 of the second in a scheduled four-round bout.

Toshio Oki, 111¾, set a new mark for the shortest kayo time in Japanese boxing history, as four punches knocked out Yuji Koike, 112, in 0:12 of round one in the evening's curtain raiser. The previous record was 0:13 by Shigenori Arisawa, who kayoed Koichi Hara on October 2, 1966.

Shin-Nippon Kimura and J.R.J. Kokusai Promotions.

Fuji TV.

Attendance—1,200. (11-26-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese junior flyweight champion Masaharu Inami, 111, won a close but unanimous decison over Kazuyoshi Funaki, also 111, in a dull 10-round non-title bout. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 98-97; judges Kodai Kumazaki and Shoji Nakamori, both 98-96. Inami is now 17-1-1 with four knockouts. Funaki, ranked second by the JBC, is 10-12-2 with four kayoes.

Satoshi Okuma, 125, TKO'd Ikuyoshi Kuwabara, 124¾, at 1:40 of round two in the scheduled 10-round semi-final. A bad gash over the right eyebrow forced the stoppage, as Kuwabara, a fast-rising rookie, paid for his bad tendency to bore in head first. He's now 8-4 with five kayoes.

Four-rounders: Takeshi Toh, 106¾, won a majority decision over Toshiyuki Sato, 107¼, in a battle of pro debutants. Daisuke Sakai, 129¼, dropped Takamori Morioka, 128¾, twice and stopped him at 0:58 of the first round. Hirotaka Ishida, 121¾, won a unanimous decision over Kanji Itsukaichi, 121½. Masanori Inaba, 114¼, won a close decision over southpaw Hiroshi Ito, 115. Matsunao Tanaka, 114¼, and Nobukazu Hara, 115, drew in the opener.

This card was staged to commemorate the retirement of former Japanese featherweight champion Shuzo Yoshida, a good footworker with considerable power who won the national crown from Flipper Uehara (Yasutsune's younger brother) on October 10, 1976 and lost it back to him on December 11 of the same year. Yoshida, whose best showings were kayo wins over former WBC junior featherweight champion Dong-Kyun Yum and ex-Japanese junior lightweight king Hikaru Tomonari, retired with a record of 28-14-2 with 17 kayoes. He's 29 years old.

Kyoei-Kwai Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—1,200. (12-01-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—This was a mismatch—Hiroyuki Yatsu, Japan's 10th ranked featherweight, against Korean junior lightweight champion Kyung-Soo Hong. The former was subbing for Tsuyoshi Hamada, a promising puncher with eight consecutive kayoes who had suffered a hand fracture while sparring with Yatsu.

A left kayoed poor Yatsu, overweight at 133, in 2:58 of round two in the scheduled 10. Hong, 132¾, whose physique is naturally larger than the 20-year-old Yatsu's, had a very easy payday. He's now 14-1 with five knockouts as a pro, having compiled a 61-9 mark with 38 stoppages as an amateur. Yatsu is 9-3-1 with five kayoes. Masakazu Uchida, referee.

Hiroyuki Seki, 117¼, and Masayuki Tsuyusaki, 118, drew, 10. The scores were 98-98 (twice) and 99-97, Seki. Takeshi Shimakawa, referee.

Masahiro Takagi, 128, kayoed glass-jawed Ken Sogo, also 128, in 0:38 of the third session in the evening's first 10-round affair. Takagi is now 11-2-1 with five knockouts. Sogo is 10-24-1 with seven kayoes. He's been on a "kayo by" streak, and the JBC had better advise him to hang up his gloves.

Katsuhiko Fukugomori, 119¼, kayoed Hayato Ishige, 121¾, with wicked body shots in 2:20 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Takashi Sengoku, 128¾, eked out a majority decision over Chojun Yara, also 128¾. Makoto Kano, 112, won a shutout verdict over southpaw Yoshinobu Fukui, 111½. Shotgun Suzuki, 115¾, made his pro debut by stopping Yoshinobu Tabata, also 115¾, at 2:21 of the second. Toku Terakado, 111¾, kayoed southpaw Kazumi Hamakawa, 111½, in 2:41 of the third. Kazushi Maehara, 134¾, won a unanimous (all cards 40-38) decision over Takenori Kojima, 134½, in the opener.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—1,400.

(12-05-81)

▲ **KYOTO—Perfectural Gymnasium**—Veteran Kojiro Sasaki, 134¼, and Shoji Okishima, 135, drew in the six-round main event. Scoring: referee Ryoji Kashiwagi and judge Teruo Fujita, both 58-58; judge Nobumitsu Inukai, 60-57, Okishima. Sasaki is now 13-13-8 with five kayoes. Okishima is 5-2-1 with two knockouts.

The remainder of the card was made up of *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tournament bouts, with the Osaka Zone and Kyushu Zone winners squaring off in scheduled six-rounders. The results were as follows:

Junior Welterweight: Masaji Fujiwara, 140, kayoed Hideo Iwamoto, also 140, in 0:40 of the fifth.

Lightweight: Hidemitu Takemoto, 130½, knocked out Hiroshi Shimizu, 132, in 3:01 of the second.

Featherweight: Takuya Rokusha, 126, stopped Jun Yamaguchi, 124½, at 0:40 of the fourth. Rokusha is now 5-0 with three kayoes.

Junior Featherweight: Tatsunari Hisahiro, 121½, halted Ryoji Fukumoto, 121¼, at 0:56 of the second.

Bantamweight: Underdog Seiichi Hijiri, 117½, kayoed Masahiro Yamamoto, 116, in 2:22 of the first round. Hijiri is now 3-7-1. This was his first kayo triumph.

Junior Bantamweight: Masami Higashiyama, 114, won a shutout verdict over Isami Nakabayashi, 114¾.

Flyweight: Hideo Sakamoto, 112, won a disputed split decision over Moriyuki Akaboshi, 110½. Scoring: referee Inukai, 58-57, Akaboshi; judges Yasuda and Fujita, both 58-57, Sakamoto. The winner is now 5-0 with one kayo.

Junior Flyweight: Kenbun Taiho, 106¾, halted Hiroyuki Aikata, 106¼, at 3:02 of the fifth. Taiho, now 3-0 with one knockout, is the fourth son of Eiki Taiho, owner of Taiho Club. Two of his brothers were also professional boxers.

The winners are scheduled to meet the Tokyo Zone's victors in the All-Japan *Shinjin-o* contests.

Tsukahara Boxing Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,300.

(12-07-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Hiroyuki Iwamoto, 122, retained his national junior feather crown with a unanimous decision over taller Sanji Ito, also 122, 10. Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida and judge Takeshi Shimakawa, both 100-93; judge Takeaki Kanaya, 100-92. Iwamoto is now 21-6-3 with four kayoes. Ito is 10-8 with six knockouts.

Nobuyuki Watanabe, 111½, the WBA's eight ranked flyweight, was held to a draw by Yoshiaki Kanda, also 111½, in a monotonous 10-round bout. Watanabe entered the WBA's top 10 by knocking out former WBC junior flyweight champion Shigeo Nakajima on May 26, 1981, but his status as a world contender has been questioned by many experts. This was his first outing since that kayo—a seven-month lay-off.

Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 97-97; judges Masakazu Uchida and Takeshi Shimakawa, both 98-98—a unanimous draw. Watanabe is now 15-9-3 with 10 knockouts. Kanda, 20 and managed by former world champ Fighting Harada, is 10-4-4 with two kayoes.

• • Southpaw Keiji Kawamura, 122, climbed off the canvas in the second to kayo East Ogiwara, 121¾, at 2:27 of the fourth round. It was scheduled for eight. The 25-year-old Kawamura is now 8-1-1 with three kayoes. Ogiwara is 3-5 with two knockouts.

Four rounders: Kazuo Fujii, 109½, won a unanimous decision over fellow southpaw Ryuji Tanimura, 108¾. Masayuki Shibuki, 123¾, knocked out Yasushi Kobayashi, also 123¾, with a one-two combo in 3:02 of the first. Kazunori Takahashi, 115¾, won a unanimous decision over Kedji Tanaka, also 115¾, in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—1,200.

(12-15-81)

▲ **OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium**—Japanese lightweight champion Joken Narita, 135, retained his crown with a majority decision over former titlist Battle Hawk Kazama, also 135, 10. The bout was as close as their first encounter in the Tokyo Carnival of Champions in October.

Scoring: referee Ryoji Kashiwagi, 98-97; judge Nobumitsau Inukai, 98-96; judge Ichiro Uenaka, 98-98. Narita is now 14-13-1 with one kayo. Kazuma is 18-8-4 with seven knockouts.

Eijiro Kuruma, 125, won an upset majority decision over soutpaw Gen Tosa, 125½, in the semi-final 10. Scoring: referee Nobumitsu Inuki, 99-96; judge Hiroyoshi Yusada, 98-96; judge Hiroshi Matsumoto, 97-97. Kuruma is now 17-4-2 with five knockouts. Tosa is 11-3 with four kayoes.

Osamu Yoshiyama, 111, knocked out Masahiro Yanagiya, 111¾, the JBC's eighth ranked flyweight, with a straight right in 2:21 of the second in the evening's first 10-rounder. The upset triumph brought the winner's record to 10-10-2 with four kayoes. Yanagiya is 7-7-2 with two knockouts.

Kazuaki Yukawa, 132, the oldest active Japanese pro boxer, won a close but unanimous decision over Tadashi Kono, 129, six.

Four-rounders: Shuyichi Oyama, 117½, kayoed fellow southpaw Koichi Nishioka, 116½, in 1:18 of the first round. Yoshiyuki Okuda, 125¼, and Takeyoshi Akazawa, 123, drew in the card opener. Okuda is now 0-3-1.

Zenji Tanizaki promoted with the sponsorship of Sports Nippon Paper. No telecast.

Attendance—2,500.

(12-17-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Two eight-rounders headlined. Yuto Kazaki, 112, floored Naojiro Toda, 111¼, thrice, finishing him at 1:25 of the sixth session. Kazaki, who boxed under his real name, Shinichi Kogisa, as an amateur, is now 3-0 in the pro ranks.

Kiyomi Sato, 108, dropped Yoshiaki Nojima, 107¾, with a right in the first round, but had to settle for a draw (double 77-77 and 78-78).

Four-rounders: Yasunari Yamamoto, 133, stopped Toshimitsu Kanahara, 134½, at 1:47 of the fourth round. Katutaka Ito, 108, halted Kazuo Sawada, 106, at 2:27 of the first. Shigeru Koide, 119½, outpointed Masakuni Tomita, 119¼. Tsuyoshi Yamada, 107¼, outscored Susumu Arimei, 107½. Masaaki Arima, 117½, kayoed Hiroshi Yamamoto, 118, with a solid right to the temple in 2:08 of the fourth and final session. Katsuhiro Hasegawa, 117½, outscored Toshio Matsuda, 118. Chiyomi Fujita, 122, outpointed Kenzo Ishbashi, 121½. Masayuki Kamima, 118, knocked out Minoru Kamihiro, 119, with a right hand counter in 2:33 of the second in the opener.

Nago's King Promotins. No telecast.

Attendance—1,300. (12-17-81)

▲ **OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium**—Former OPBF junior lightweight champion Ryu Fukida, 130¼, returned to ring warfare to stop fellow southpaw Freddie Mensah, 131, Kenya, at 1:03 of the 10th and final round.

Fukida didn't look smooth in the first four sessions, but had Mensah reeling against the ropes in canto five. The referee gave Freddie a compulsory standing eight-count. Mensah, fading fast, returned back to his corner midway in the final sessions.

Mensah collapsed in his dressing room and was rushed to a hospital by ambulance. He's still in a coma at this writing.

Fukida is now 19-12-1 with 11 kayoes. Mensah is 14-14 with nine kayoes.

Hidekazu Akai, 142¾, knocked out Nobutaka Kuwada, 142, in 1:55 of the first round in the scheduled 10-round semi-final. The 5'9½" Akai dropped Kuwada three times for an automatic kayo, sending him into dreamland on the final knockdown. Akai, 22, turned pro in September after compiling a 44-12 (22 stoppages) record as an amateur. He's now 8-0 in the pro ranks—all knockouts. Kuwada is 7-6-1 with five kayoes.

Southpaw Masao Ogata, 121, floored Kaoru Yoshioka, 121¾, thrice for an automatic kayo at 0:52 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Kazuo Katsuma, 112¾, won a unanimous decision over Yuji Katai, 113, six.

Four-rounders: Sadatoyo Tobise, 120¾, stopped Mitsuo Nagaiwa, 119½, at 0:43 of the first session. Shinichi Sugita, 107¾, won a unanimous decision over Yoshio Hisadome, 105, in the opener.

Kambayashi Promotions. TV Asahi (in Osaka district only).

Attendance—3,000.

(12-18-81)

▲ **NAGOYA—Fukiage Hall**—Hirokazu Fukui, 125¼, floored Shogo Tabata, 129¼, with a left-right in the seventh round and won via unanimous decision, 10. Scoring: referee Takaomi Ito, 100-96; judge Masao Kato, 100-92; judge Koichi Ushida, 100-93. Fukui is now 18-6-4 with six knockouts. Tabata is 12-17-4.

Takashi Sugimoto, 132¼, eked out a majority (99-98, 99-97, 98-98) decision over Sincere Inoue, 133½, 10. Sugimoto is now 15-6 with seven kayoes. Inoue is 14-8 with nine knockouts.

Four-rounders: Masataka Katayama, 127¼, stopped Shintaro Tachi, 125¾, at 1:26 of the second. Crocky Sugimoto, 134, and Kiyotaka Ono, 133½, drew. The scores were 40-40 (twice) and 40-39, Sugiyama. Akihiko Mizutani, 117¼, won a close but unanimous decision over Nobuo Higuchi, 116½. Ikuryo Sugimura, 108, stopped debuting Hitoshi Taniuchi, 106¾, at 1:49 of the third round in the opener.

Tokjoname Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,000

(12-19-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The East-Japan Zone finals of the *Shinjin-o* tourneys were held in the afternoon. East-Japan includes Tokyo, Yokohama, and other prefectures. The winners are schedule to meet the victors in the West-Japan Zone, which includes Osaka, Nagoya, and Kyushu, in a few weeks.

Junior flyweight: Skinny Shinroku Koita, 108, floored game Takahiro Masaki, 107, with a left hook to the button and won via unanimous (double 59-57 and 60-56) decision, six. Koita, 20, is now 7-1-1 with one kayo. He needs to improve his defense, but he showed good combo punching.

Bantamweight: Tall Yoshimu Oyama, 118, ran his mark to 5-0-1 (two kayoes) by halting Norio Hasegawa, also 118, at 2:50 of round two in their scheduled six. The 18-year-old Oyama, son of a former boxer, has a strong left hand.

Middleweight: Yoshio Shimbori, 159¾, stopped Mamoru Numajiri, 159½, at 2:51 of round three in a scheduled four. (The contest was not scheduled for six rounds due to the contestants' lack of experience.)

Junior Bantamweight: Hard hitting Kazuki Higa, 115, halted Toshio Otsuka at 1:35 of the third round in their sixer. Higa, a 21-year-old puncher born in Okinawa, is now 5-0 with four kayoes. He needs more speed and smoothness, but was given the Technique Award by the *Shinjin-o* Committee.

Featherweight: Mitsuru Sugiya, 124¼, brother of ex-Japanese junior welter champ Minoru, won the Committee's Best Novice King Award with a unanimous decision over Rusher Kawaguchi, 123¼, six. Sugiya is now 6-0 with three kayoes. Kawaguchi is 5-1.

Junior Welterweight: Awkward but tricky Sadao Saito, 140, won a unanimous decision over Hiroshi Kanamori, 139½, four. All the cards read 40-38. Saito is now 5-2-1 with four knockouts. Kanamori is 3-1 with two kayoes.

Welterweight: Shigeru Kawasaka, 145½, knocked out taller Shuichiro Kawahira, 147, with a long left hook in 2:36 of round two in their scheduled four. Kawasaka is now 5-1 with four kayoes. Kawahira is 2-2 with two knockouts.

Flyweight: Yoshiyuki Uchida, 112, scored a come-from-behind kayo over Norio Ichimura, 111¾, in 2:47 of the sixth and final round. Uchida is now 6-1 with six kayoes. (He lost his pro debut and has now won his last six bouts by kayo.) Ichimura is 2-1 with one knockout.

Junior Featherweight: Takeshi Mitsu, 122, won a close but unanimous decision over less experienced Takashi Komori, 121¾, six. The 19-year-old Mitsu is now 8-1 with four kayoes.

Junior Lightweight: Yoshinari Tanaka, 130, won a shutout verdict over southpaw Tokuzo Kaneku, 129¼, six. Tanaka, 20, is now 6-0 with two knockouts.

Lightweight: Miharu Moto, 135, won a unanimous decision over Masashige Nishimura, 134¾, six. Muto, 22, is now 8-3-1 with two kayoes. Nishimura, 17, is 4-1 with three knockouts. This was the last bout on the program.

East-Japan *Shinjin-o* fCommittee. TV Tokyo.

Attendance—1,800. (12-20-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The following card was held at night, after the *Shinjin-o* contests.

Takeshi Ryu, 119½, polished off Hideyuki Kawai, 121, in 2:01 of round one in a scheduled 10. Ryu is now 10-7 with seven kayoes. Kawai is 10-4-2 with six knockouts. Ryu has devastating power. He also has a very weak chin.

Condor Yamamoto, 122¾, climbed off the canvas in the first round, knocked Takeshi Go, 123¼, down on two occasions (once on the canvas and once on the ropes), and won via unanimous decision, eight. The scores were 77-74, 78-75, and 77-75.

Makoto Fujishima, 111¼, was held to a split draw in the program's six-round contest.

Four-rounders: Keigo Yoshida, 121½, stopped Akira Yamada, 120, at 1:42 of the first session. Shingo Hayasaka, 109½, outscored Kazuhiro Seya, also 109½. Ryuichi Kimura, 117¾, stopped Osamu Tokoyoda, 118, at 1:17 of the second. Takashi Sakakibara, 224½, outpointed Yukihiko Sugiyama, also 114½. Akira Saito, 114¼, outscored Mitsuo Omori, 114, in the opener.

Co-promoted by Ishibashi and Kamifukuoka Promotions.

No telecast. Attendance—1,200.

(12-20-81)

▲ **YOKOHAMA—Cultural Gymnasium**—Japanese junior flyweight champion Masaharu Inami, 109, won a unanimous decision over Kazuyoshi Funaki, 108, 10. The scores were 100-96, 99-96, and 98-96.

The 5'3" Inami, the WBA's ninth ranked junior flyweight, is now 19-1-1 with four kayoes.

Mitsuo Imazato, 117½, won an easy unanimous decision over Katsuyuki Ohashi, 118, 10. Scores: 100-95, 98-95, 98-96.

Four-rounders: Masao Sako, 125, outscored debuting Kiyoshi Tanaka, 127. Masanori Inaba, 113½, outpointed Katsunao Tanaka, 114½ in the opener.

Kyhoei Yokohama Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—3,000.

(12-24-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Ryong-Dae Kim, Korea, TKO's Koichi Matsushima, 129, at 2:44 of the seventh in a scheduled 10-rounder. Matsushima, who was in command in the first four rounds, announced his retirement in the center of the ring following the contest. He's 28 years old, and compiled an overall pro log of 15-9-2 with 10 knockouts. Kim is 10-4-1 with four stoppages. Ken Mortia, referee.

Four-rounders: Takashi Sengoku, 130, ran his record to 5-0 with a first round stoppage of Yuki Nakagawa, also 130, at 1:45 of the second. Nobuyuki Tabata, 136, halted Hirokazu Takeuchi, 134½, at 2:54 of the first round. Kanji Itsukaichi, 122, won a unanimous decision over Shinnosuke Nakazawa, also 122. Tadashi Kuramochi, 108, won a majority decision over Yoshito Sueki, also 108. Kuramochi is now 3-0 with one kayo. Shigeji Tamaki, 117, won a shutout verdict over Nobukazu Hara, also 117, in the opener. This was Tamaki's pro debut.

Royal Kawakami Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,000.

(12-27-81)

▲ **NOTES**—The Boxing section of the Tokyo Sports Writers Club rendered their annual awards on December 22.

Japanese Fighter of the Year—Tadashi Mihara.

Technique Award—Katsuo Tokashiki.

Fighting Spirit Award—Shoji Oguma.

Efforts—Spider Nemoto.

Knockout Award—Tsuyoshi Hamada, who scored eight consecutive kayo wins. Hamada is now 10-1 with 10 knockouts.

Rookie Citation—Hidekazu Akai, 22, who has scored eight quick stoppages in eight bouts since turning pro in 1980.

Special Awards—Former WBA junior flyweight champion Yoko Gushiken, former WBC junior fly king Shigeo Nakajima, and former WBC junior featherweight champ Royal Kobayashi, all of whom announced their retirements in 1981.

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# KOREA

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—OPBF junior lightweight champion Young-Sae Oh, 129-34, retained his crown by halting Nene Jun, also 129 ¾, Philippines, at 2:33 of round 10 in a scheduled 12. The 26-year-old Oh is now 10-0 with six kayoes in the pro ranks. He was 113-7 as an amateur.

Kyong-Soo Hong, 129¾, won the vacant Korean junior lightweight title with a unanimous decision over Byong-Suk Park, 130, 10. Hong is now 13-1 with four kayoes. Park is 10-1 with seven knockouts.

Jong-Bae Park, 131, outpointed Myung-Joo Song, 131¾, eight.

Four-rounders: Bong-Hee Lee, 130¾, halted Eu-Myong Chung, 127¾, at 2:33 of the fourth and final round. Byong-Sam Yuh, 118¾, outscored Kyung Youl Kim, 119. Dong-Chun Lee, 111 outpointed Jang-Kyun Oh, 110¾. Jong-Koo Son, 108 outscored Myong-Soo Kim, 110¾. Young-Shik Moon, 114 outpointed Tak Chung, 113¾. Chae-Young Park, 123, and Jong-Ul Song, 123 drew. Tai-Jin Kim, 122 outscored Yong-Hee Lee, 122¾, in the opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(10-25-81)

▲ **TAEGU**—Seung-Hoon Lee, 120¾, the WBC's second ranked bantamweight, won a unanimous decision over Suvan Muangsurin, also 120¾, 10. The 5'8" Lee is now 19-3 with five kayoes.

Il Yang, 128¾, the KBC's third ranked featherweight, won a unanimous decision over Sakda Saksuree, 126¾, Thailand, eight.

Kyu-Un Chai, 135¾, knocked out Yong-Jin Kim, 136 in 1:35 of round seven in their scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Sun-Chul Lee, 122, stopped Myong-Hun Park, 121¾, at 1:52 of the first round. Soo-Hee Son, 116 outpointed Myong-Ho Yang, also 116 Jong-Sung FKo, 124¾, halted Moon-Hyun Lim, 124, in 3:04 of the third round in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions.

(10-25-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Hyong-Kil Chun, 134¾, recently discharged from military service, outscored Thai Dedkad Kiatbunyong, 133¾, 10. Chun is now 11-2 with four knockouts.

Chong-Soo Lee, 120¾, halted Prasong Sithkempetch, 119, Thailand, at 2:43 of the seventh in their scheduled 10-round bout.

Sung-Oh Hwang, 138 stopped Je-Hwan Chai, 135 at 1:03 of the fourth round in a scheduled. six.

Four-rounders: Myung-Sub Shin, 130, outscored Sa-Hyung Kim, 129¾. Kun-Hee Lee, 139, outpointed Hyung-Soo Kim, 137. Sung-Kyu Cho, 115¾, outpointed Jang-Hwan Ham, 115. Kyu-Chan Cho, 112, outscored Ryong-Kil Chai, 111 halted Jun-Sung Baek, 112 at 0:34 of the second in the opener.

Waryong Promotions.

(10-30-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Chung-Jae Hwang, 146 the WBC's fifth ranked welterweight, retained his OPBF crown by stopping southpaw Tongta Kiatvayupakdi, also 146 Thailand, at 1:23 of the second round in their scheduled 12-round title bout.

Hwang, a clever boxer and hard hitting stylist, is now 19-0 with 16 knockouts. He is 21 years old.

In-Chul Baek, 154, ran his record to 13-0—all Knockouts—by halting Filipino junior middleweight champ Aquilino Nicolas, Jr., also 154, at 1:59 of the second round in the scheduled 10-frame semi-final. Baek's the KBC's top ranked junior middle, may fight for the vacant OPBF throne.

Hi-Sub Shin, 111, halted Yong-Chul Hong, 111¾, at 1:49 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Dong-Uw Chai, 126¾, outscored Ki-Hak Han, 127¾. Hun-Yong Park, 117¾, outpointed Won-Kyu Lee, 116¾. Jung-Man Park, 114 outscored Jung-Il Kim, 114¾, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions.

(10-31-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**— Hard hitting Soon-Hyan Chung, 122¾, knocked out Eddie Miral, 122, Philippines, in 2:51 of the fifth round int he scheduled 10-round main event. Chung, ranked 10th among junior feathers by *The Ring* International Ratings Panel, is now 25-5 with 15 knockouts.

Kwang-Sop Kim, 120, the KBC's ninth ranked junior bantam, won a unanimous decision over Sergio Fernando, 117 Philippines, 10. Kim is now 5-1 in th pro ranks.

Ki-Yong Lee, 110, outpointed Jae-Min Shin, 109¾, six.

Four-rounders: Yong-Man Park, 147¾, outscored Jung-Won Moon, 148¾. Jaeng-Wo Chun, 118¾, polished off Youn-Jung Kwan, 117¾, at 2:03 of the second. Jae-Hun Kim, 142¾, outpointed Im-Bong Kim, 141¾. Bong-Hi Lee, 127¾, outscored Jae-Koo Lee, 127. Han-Joung Kim, 123 kayoed Sung-Bong Wang, 123 in the fourth and final session. Jung-Nam Kim, 109, and Kum-Sop Han, 109¾, drew. Moon-Shik Kim, 118¾, outscored Yong-Hyung Lee, 118 Jang-Soo Kim, 116¾, and Hung-Sop Aum, 116¾, drew. Sung-Man Lee, 119, and Young-Hwan Park, also 119, drew in the opener.

Chungchang Promotions. (11-01-81)

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—Former WBC junior welterweight champion Sang-Hyun Kim, 144, won a unanimous decision over Petchsayarm Petcherern, also 144, a cousin of former WBC titlsit Saensak Muangsurin, 12. Kim is now 38-3-1 with 23 kayoes.

# FILIPINO RATINGS
# BY THE FILIPINO GAMES & AMUSEMENTS BOARD
# (AS OF JANUARY 31, 1982)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Aquilino Nicolas, Jr. (Manila)
2. Armando Boniquit (Mkti.)
3. Alberto Cruz (Manila)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Mike de Guzman (Ang.)
1. Fred Pastor (Ang.)
2. Cisco Ferrer (Manila)
3. Dan de Guzman (Cab.)
4. Edito del Monte (Las Pinas)
5. Romulo Oguimas (Manila)
6. Fred Galang (Ang.)
7. Johnny Tam (Baguio)
8. Romy Angeles (Manila)
9. Leo Dolotallas (Butuan)
10. Winnie Guinieta (Davao)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Willie Makitoki (Cal.)
1. Flash Romeo (Baguio)
2. Gar Atayde (Davao)
3. Ruben Rabago (Cebu)
4. Mar Marin (Davao)
5. Young de la Cruz (Pamp.)
6. Joe Lim (Mkti.)
7. Danilo Limpahan (Manila)
8. Hermie Villanueva (Davao)
9. Ric Dolotallas (Cot.)
10. Al Rodrigo (Davao)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Flash Villamer (Cebu)
1. Amy Pacana (Manila)
2. Rey Tam (Baguio)
3. Roger Salasa (Zamb.)
4. Tomas Bernales (Manila)
5. Rolando Aldemir (Davao)
6. Romeo Olivetti (Laguna)
7. Max (Boy) Toyogon (Manila)
8. Lito Pena (Pamp.)
9. Nilo Acido (Davao)
10. Nardito Adrayan (Cag.)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Nene Jun (Davao)
1. Fel Viesca, Jr. (Cab.)
2. Fel Salvador (Baguio)
3. Rod Sequenan (Manila)
4. Nick Caputol (Davao)
5. Geron Porras (Manila)
6. Albert Duldulao (Cab.)
7. Little Balsigan (Baguio)
8. Erning Grafe (Pnque.)
9. Jong Jong Pacquing (Cag.)
10. Deo Rabago (Cebu)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lulu Villaverde (Manila)
1. Eddie Camero (Manila)
2. Little Bangoyan (Davao)
3. Jun Belemac (Davao)
4. Divino Inocian (Cag.)
5. Chito Adigue (Quezon City)
6. Albert Saxon (Baguio)
7. Fred Basa (Ang.)
8. Ronald Sumalis (Davao)
9. Gener Cruz (Cab.)
10. Lito Pablo (Cal.)

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Ric Diamale (Davao)
1. Erning Qeroben (Davao)
2. Rene Aroy (Davao)
3. Efren Guinieta (Davao)
4. Boy Chua (Pnque.)
5. Morris Pastor (Davao)
6. Rene Anasco (Davao)
7. Poker Peregrino (Cebu)
8. Manny Sacay (Manila)
9. Rey Naduma, Jr. (Davao)
10. Gerry Dominguez (Cebu)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Championship
Bobby Berna (Manila)
1. Neptali Alamag (Manila)
2. Fel Malatag (Leyte)
3. Leo Kaki (Cag.)
4. Arnel Arrozal (Ang.)
5. Bert Lozano (Manila)
6. Danilo Inocian (Davao)
7. Eddie Miral (Ang.)
8. William Develos (Pnque.)
9. Tale Maguan (Manila)
10. Ali Granada (Davao)

**JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Flash Jagdon (Cebu)
1. Jimmy Boy (Baguio)
2. Ali Formentera (Manila)
3. Sergio Fernando (Bul.)
4. Fel Aporto (Manila)
5. Emilio Palacio (Manila)
6. Joe Hiyas (Mkti.)
7. Dommy Pumar (Laguna)
8. Diego de Villa (Davao)
9. Pablo Pepito (Manila)
10. Eldie Paradero (Butuan)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Frank Cedeno (Cebu)
1. Yuri Santos (Manila)
2. Andy Balaba (Cot.)
3. Jun Garcia (Cag.)
4. Ramon Chan (Baguio)
5. Ver Libradilla (Cebu)
6. Efren Bantilan (Ang.)
7. Rocky Pineda (Manila)
8. Tito Abella (Cavite)
9. Wick Tengam (Davao)
10. Gideon Bacus (Cebu)

**JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jun Resma (Davao)
1. Juanito Ablaca (Cebu)
2. Jemuel Maguinsay (Davao)
3. Fred Guanzon (Davao)
4. Lord Esmero (Cebu)
5. Noel Tibay (Cebu)
6. Romy Austria (Ang.)
7. Ed Norcos (Cot.)
8. Josue Agcang (Ormoc)
9. Mannaseh Base (Manila)
10. Tito Gregorio (Manila)

*Filipino boxers holding world titles: Rolando Navarrete (WBC junior lightweight).*

*Filipino boxers holding OPBF titles: Willie Lucas (junior featherweight).*

*Filipino boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Johnny Sato (#7 WBC junior lightweight), Bobby Berna (#9 WBA bantamweight), Siony Carupo (#7 WBA junior flyweight).*

Kyong-Hwan Chae, 142¾, outscored Willie Makitoke, 142,10. Chae is the KBC's third ranked junior welterweight contender. Makitoki is the Filipino champ.

Chong-Kang Chung, 111, halted Chul-Yong Park, 112¾, at the end of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Young-Kap Chai, 118¾, knocked out Jong-Duk Kim, also 118¾, in 1:16 of the first round. Yun-Ho Park, 109¾, kayoed Kyong-Jo Chai, 111¾, in 1:47 of the first round in the opener.

Hanjin Promotions.

▲ **SEOUL—Seoul Playground**—Five six-rounders and seven fours made up the card.

Six-rounders: Jeun-Yong Nam, 133 outpointed Jang-Kwan Yuh, 134 Hai-Youl Yang, 114¾, outscored yong-Hwan Kim, 115. Yhw-Kyong How, 114¾, and Yong-Shik Moon, 114, tech draw in the third round. Sun-Jin Kim, 126, out-pointed Byong-Kuk Oh, 125¾. Chun-Tak Park, 128 outscored Koun-Soo Park, 129¾.

Fours: Sam-Yong Kim, 118¾, outscored Hak-Chul Choun, 117 Jong-Hyuk Lee, 111¾, stopped Hang-Ki Yhun, 108¾, at 1:45 of the second. Soo-Kon Chang, 111 halted Song-Jung Cho, 111, at the end of the first round. Kyong-Yol Kim, 119, and Sun-Ki So, also 119, drew. Kwang-Shik Chai, 110, out-pointed Yong-Bon Yun, 109. Tai-Yo Kim, 125, kayoed Sung-Yong Yuh, also 125, in 2:58 of the third. Byong-Kap Chai, 140 ¾, outscored Tai-Bong Kwong, 139, in the opener.

Hallelujah Promotions.
(11-06-81)

▲ **BUCHON—Buchon Special Ring**—Jei-Sung Yuh, 140, won a unanimous decision over Jong-Shil Lee, 139¾, 10. Yuh is now 8-2 with four kayoes.

Young-Shik Kim, 127, kayoed Joo-Yang Chun, 126¾, in 0:29 of the seventh in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Song-Hwa Jin, 124 outpointed Jong-Ki Yug, 124, eight.

Hyon-Jin Rae, 114¾, outscored Kun-Shin Yug, 115¾, eight.

Six-rounders: Young-Kil Lee, 161, outpointed Young-Shil Chung, 158¾. Jang-Hwan Ham, 116¾, stopped Jae-Kil Cho, 116¾, at 0:45 of the third. Man-Youn Kim, 141¾, outpointed Kwang Song, 141. Song-Oh Han, 135 stopped Jong-Chul Shin, 136¾, at 2:17 of round three in the opener.

Chungchang Promotions

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Heung-Suk Yuh, 136¾, the KBC's third ranked light-weight, polished off Melching Makilan, 135 Philippines, at 1:57 of th third round in a scheduled 10. Yuh is now 11-1-1 with eight kayoes.

Jae-Myong Chai, 117, outscored Rodrigo Saonoy, 118¾, Philippines, 10. Chai is now 9-0.

Chang-Il Yim, 161, outpointed Chang-Hwan Ro, 159¾, six.

Four-rounders: Tai-Pek Chang, 109, outscored Rai-Ki An, 109. Kyui-Baek Lee, 134, and Dong-Nam Kim, 132, drew. Jung-Wo Chun, 119¾, knocked out Song-Hi Lee, 119 in 2:07 of the third. Kang-Hwan Kim, 109 outpointed Chi-Won lee, also 109 in the opener.

Chungchang Promotions;
(11-08-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Korean junior middleweight champion Kyong-Min Ra, 158¾, halted Fred Galang, 158¾, Philippines, at 1:29 of round two in their scheduled 10-frame contest. Ra is now 4-0 in the pro ranks—all knockouts.

In-Chang Kim 137¾, the KBC's seventh ranked lightweight, outscored Lito Pena, also 137¾, Philippines, 10.

Dong-Soo Cha, 131¾, won a unanimous decision over Tai-Kuk Park, 130¾, 10.

Ho-Man Kim, 121¾, outscored Nan-Soo Park, 120¾, eight.

Young-Kil Kim, 113 outpointed Suk-Tai Kim, 112¾, in the four-round opener.

Ilhwa Promotions.
(11-12-81)

▲ **CHECHUTAO**—Sa-Wang Kim, 132¾, kayoed Fel Viesca, Jr., 133, Philippines, in 1:06 of round six in a scheduled 10. Kim is now 16-2 with 13 kayoes.

Chang-Duk Han, 130, outpointed Korean featherweight champ Hyan An, 129¾, 10.

Hwan-Ro Hwang, 139, outscored Tai-Poung Lee, 138 10.

Min-Ung Kim, 110¾, and Nam-Kun Kang, also 110¾, drew, eight.

Kong-Ok Chon, 118, won a technical decision over Yoo-Uk Joo, 117, at 0:52 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Byong-Ho Joo, 114¾, outpointed Chul-Ho Kin, 115. Sun-Yong Kang, 112 outscored Sun-Yong Chai, 114¾, in the opener.

Ilhwa Promotions.
(11-15-81)

▲ **WONJOO—Woonjoo Gymnasium**—Sang-Ho Lee, 141, the KBC's top junior welterweight contender, won a unanimous decision over Fernando Gloria, 140, 10. Lee is now 20-0 with 15 knockouts.

In-Wan Hwang, 111¾, won the vacant Korean flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Kwang-Suk Lee, 111 10. Hwang is now 13-3-1 with five kayoes. Lee is 10-6-1 with two knockouts.

Ho-Chul Pyon, 107, won the Korean junior flyweight title by outscoring the defending champion, Sun-Nyon Ma, 107¾, 10.

Hyong-Shik Lim, 114¾, and Yong-Tai Kim, 113 drew, eight.

Sung-Yun Oh, 120¾, outpointed Jae-Man Lee, also 120¾, six.

Four-rounders: Hung-Yu Chai, 142¾, halted Chul-Ho Yun, 142, at 1:30 of the first round. Kyu-Sang Chai, 121¾, outscored Byong-Sam Yug, also 121¾, in the opener.

Wonjin Promotions:

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—SUPPORTS TO KIM-MARUYAMA (WBC SUPER FLYWEIGHT TITLE):

Joung-Koo Chang, 109¾, demolished Dhuei Mongkol, 110, Thailand, in 2:35 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Chang is now 14-0 with five knockouts.

Ki-Hun Kwak, 136 outpointed Kyu-Un Chai, 136¾, 10.
(11-18-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Il-Bok Lee, 132¾, the WBC's eighth ranked junior lightweight, halted Eddie Cejas, also 132 ¾, the Filipino GAB's second ranked contender, at 2:45 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Lee is now 18-2 with 11 kayoes.

Hong-Kyu Lim, 136¾, kayoed Nanthabureng Leadbankye, 136, in 3:03 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Lim, the KBC's third ranked lightweight, is now 12-1 with eight knockouts.

Eight-rounders: Tai-Hoon Park, 143, outpointed Wng-Ki Chung, 143¾. In-Keun Hwang, 111 outscored Chang-Ryo Hong, 112 Jung-Tai Hou, 125, outpointed Sung-Jun Yang, 124.

Kwang-Sam Kim, 143, outscored Jae-Hyung Lim, 142¾, in the four-round opener.

Kukdong Promotions.
(11-21-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—In-Chul Baek, 153¾, the KBC's top ranked junior middleweight, knocked out Filipino veteran Joe Willisco, also 153¾, in 3:02 of the third round in scheduled 10. Baek is slated to fight for the OPBF crown left vacant by Tadashi Mihara.

Il Yang, 127 demolished former Filipino bantamweight champion Ronald Sumalis, 125¾, in 1:22 of the third round if the eight-round semi-final. Yang is 20 years of age.

Joung-Hwan Kim, 111, outscored Joung-Il Han, 112, eight.

Sang-Man Lee, 112, and Ki-Chang Kim, 111¾, drew, six.

Kyu-Kun Park, 116¾, outpointed Du-Bok Cha, also 116¾, six.

Yuh-Kyong How, 117¾, outscored Soo-Hi Son, 117¾, in the six-round opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions.
(11-28-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Min-Keun Oh, 123¾, won a unanimous decision over game Kenichi Ito, 122¾, Tokyo, 10.

Ok-Kyun Yuh, 116 won a unanimous duke over Katsuyuki Ohashi, 116¾, Japan, 10. Yuh was recently discharged from the Korean armed forces. A fromer amateur star, he's now 4-0 in the pro ranks.

Sung-In Suh, 122, retained his Korean junior featherweight title by outscoring Kyo-Sok Han, also 122, 10. Suh is now 14-2 with one knockout.

Six-rounders: Il-Kwon Chon, 143¾, and CHul-Ho Yun, 142¾, drew. Yong-Chul Song, 129¾, outpointed Chun-Tak Park, 131¾. Ki-Ho Shin, 111 outscored Ki-Ryong Lee, 112]

Byong-Suk Park, 116¾, outscored Yung-Ha Chai, 118, in the four-round opener.

Hyun-Chi Kim's Dong-A Promotions. (11-29-81)

▲ **KWANGJU—Indoor Gymnasium**—Chung-Jae Hwang, 145¾, retained his OPBF welterweight crown by stopping Johnny Tam, 144 Philippines, at 1:23 of the seventh in their scheuled 12-round title bout. Hwang, 22, is the WBA's top contender. He's the best welter in the Orient, but whether he should be ranked higher than Thomas Hearns, Roger Stafford, and Pipino Cuevas is open to question.

Local favorite Kang-San Lee, 123¾, was held to a draw by taller Toshiyuki Tanaka, 124 Japan, in the 10-round semi-final.

Mu-Sok Hwang, 151, the KBC's fifth ranked welter, outscored Jung-Kwon Kang, 148¾, eight.

Hyung-Duk Chai, 153¾, halted Baek-Ryong Park, 154, at 2:05 of round six in their scheduled eight.

Jae-Keun Kim, 121¾, and Chun-Jung Yun, also 121¾, drew in the four-round opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kuk-Dong Promotions.
(12-05-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Southpaw Tae-Jin Moon, 129, won the OPBF junior lightweight title with an upset kayo over defending champion Young-Sae Oh, 129¾, at 2:05 of the 10th round.

Oh, the WBA's fourth ranked 130-pounder, lacked his usual zip, and was outpowered by the aggressive challenger from the start. Moon shook him up with a wicked left hook, and knocked him down in the closing seconds of the seventh. Lefts and rights followed by a lethal left dropped Oh again in the 10th. He got up and walked to his corner, but was unable to resume a fighting pose.

Scoring through nine: referee Jae-Keun Kim, 86-86; judges Kwang-Soo Kim and Chin-Un Chung, 87-85 and 87-86, respectively, for Oh. (Both judges seemed to have given too much credit to Oh's hit-and-run tactics.) The 26-year-old Moon is now 18-1-1 with 10 kayoes. Oh is 10-1 with six knockouts.

Hwan-Kil Yuh, 125¾, won a hairline majority decision over Jung-Hwan Hwang, 125¾, 12, to win the latter's OPBF featherweight title. Yuh floored Hwang with a well-timed left hook, and the official scoring was as follows: referee Chin-Un Chung, 118-116; judge Kwang-Soo Kim, 117-116; judge Jae-Keun Kim, 118-118. The 5'6" Yuh, 19, is now 15-1-3 with seven kayoes. Hwang is 4-1 with three knockouts.

Kyu-Sang Yuh, 148¾, outpointed Leo Dolotallas, 150

Philippines, eight.

Chul Kwong, 120 polished off Young-Kil Chai, 119¾, at 2:02 of the second in a scheduled six-round bout.

Tai-Il Chang, 110, outpointed Jae-Min Shin, 109¾, six.

Sang-Myon Chai, 121, and Pyong-Soo Chung, also 121, drew, six.

Young-Sam Cho, 117 outpointed Jin-Hwan Oh, 117¾, in the four round opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(12-06-81)

▲ **KWANGJU—Indoor Gymnasium**—Former WBC junior flyweight champion Sung-Jun Kim, 117 survived two dnockdowns (the second one a "ropedown") in the second round, fought back, and kayoed Kiyoshi Oyama, 116¾, Japan, in 2:52 of round nine in their scheduled 10. Oyama previously fought under the name Kiyoshi Nagashima.

OPBF junior bantamweight champion Soon-Chun Kwon, 115¾, climbed off the canvas to decision Hiroyuki Kobayashi, 116¾, 10. Kwon, 22, is now 9-2-1 with two kayoes.

Sang-Moon Lee, 116¾, and Ryong-Duk Chai, also 116¾, drew, eight.

Jun-Tai Hou, 127, outpointed Myong-Sub Chai, also 127, six.

Kyong-Dok An, 140¼, outscored Kwang-Sam Kim, 139 four.

You-Kyong Hou, 116 outscored Ki-Ryol Kang, also 116 in the four-round opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kuk-Dong Promotions.

(12-06-81)

▲ **INCHON—Indoor Gymnasium**—Southpaw Hong-Soo Yang, 111¾, retained his OPBF flyweight crown by eking out a split decision over Kap-Chol Shin, 111¾, 12. Yang, ranked ninth by the WBC, is now 25-6-4 with six kayoes. Shin is 10-5-4 with two knockouts.

Sang-Youl An, 124¾, outscored Song-Hwa Jin, 124 10.

Dong-Shik Park, 120, halted Ho-Man Kim, also 120, at 2:54 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Sung-Oh Hwang, 137 stopped In-Bong Bang, 132, at 2:15 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Han-Young Chai, 132¾, and Joung-Kwon An, 131¾, drew, six.

Young Chang, 143¾, outpointed Byong-Kap CHoi, 142¾, in the four-round opener.

Inchon Dongyang Promotons.

(12-06-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—OPBF lightweight boss Kwang-Min Kim, 135, retained his title with a 12-round majority decision over Filipino champ Flash Villamer, also 135. It was a lousy fight, as Kim was out of shape and Villamer far too cautious. Scoring: referee Kwnag-Soo Kim, 118-114; judge Chin-Jae CHung, 119-116; judge Godfredo Fandialan, 116-116.

Fel Malatag, 119 Philippines, knocked out Kwang-Sup Kim, 121, in 1:20 of the eighth round in the 10-round semi-final.

Hyung-Shik An, 120¾, outscored Sung-Yun Oh, 121, eight.

Young-Soo Cho. 142¾, halted Si-Chang Kim, also 142¾, at 1:49 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder.

Four-rounders: Un-Yung Kim, 112 and Kang-Hwan Kim, 112, drew. Sang-Nam Shin, 113¾, and Youn-Keun Kim, also 113¾, drew in the card opener.

Hyoudae Promotions.

(12-12-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Hard punching southpaw Sung-Nam Kim, 107 knocked out defending champion Siony Carupo, 110, Philippines, to win the OPBF junior flyweight title. Koreans now hold 10 out of 12 OPBF crowns! Carupo failed to make the 108-pound limit, so he forfeited his title at the morning weigh-in. Had he beaten Kim, the title would have been declared vacant, but Sung-Nam kayoed him in 1:03 of round five. Carupo was carried out of the ring on a stretcher.

Scoring after four: referee Chol-Hee Han, 38-37, Kim; judge Jae-Keun Kim, 38-38; judge Godfredo Fandialan, 38-37, Carupo.

Sung-Yun Kim, 130, outscored Jun-Ho Bae, 129, eight.

Chang-Il Yim, 161, outpointed Sang-Pyong Park, 159¾, six.

Four-rounders: Chang-Jun Yuh, 140 outscored Chun-Yup Song, 140¾. Ki-Tai Kim, 124¾, knocked out Joung—Hi Kim, 124 in 1:13 of the first round. Jae-Chul Park, 134, outscored Jae-Hyun Lee, 134 Han-Soo Lee, 114¾, outscored Sung-Bong Wang, 116. Kum-Sup Han, 113¾, and Kwang-Chun Lee, 115, drew in the opener.

Chungchang Promotions.

(12-13-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Il Yang, 129¾, knocked former WBC super bantamweight champ Rigoberto Riasco, also 129¾, Panama, down in the first round and won via unanimous decision, 10. Riasco was the WBC's ninth ranked featherweight, but looked like a pushover. Yang is now 14-2-2 with four kayoes.

Japanese-based Kenyan Isaiah (Yonekura) Ikhone, 135 demolished former Korean champion Ki-Hun Kwak, 135 with body bombardments in 1:49 of the fourth session. Ikhoni is now 3-0—all knockouts. Kwak is 19-7-3 with seven kayoes. Kwak, a sub for Hong-Kyo Lim, was knocked out by Gonzallo Montellano in Los Angeles a few months before. This bout with Ikhoni was a scheduled 10-rounder.

Yushin (Modest) Napunyi, 127¾, another Japanese-based Kenyan, disposed of Chang-Duk Han, 127 at 1:36 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Napuni is now 3-0 with two knockouts. Han is 4-1-1 with three kayoes.

Four-rounders: Bong-Chung Park, 127, TKO'd Chang-Soo Gu, 126¾, at 0:59 of the second. Kap-Sup Sung, 115¾, outscored Young-Ki Lee, 116¾. Sung-Jun Park, 110, and Suk-Tae Kim, 109 drew in the opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions.

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## PHILIPPINES

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—Former national champion Max (Boy) Toyogon, 133, TKO'd Romy Cunanan, also 133, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Morris Pastor, 126, and Gener Cruz, also 126, drew, 10.

Efren Nazal, promoter.

(10-03-81)

▲ **BAGUIO CITY**—Amy Pacana, 129, won an upset unanimous decision over previously unbeaten Jun Escalera, also 129, 10.

Flash Romeo, 138, TKO'd Jimmy Abarca, also 138, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.

(10-03-81)

▲ **CEBU CITY**—Filipino junior lightweight champion Nene Jun, 132, won a unanimous decision over Melching Makilan, 132½, 10.

Cesar Ligan, 128, and former national champ Dommy Marolena, 129, had their scheduled 10-round bout declared "no contest."

Agustin Garcia, promoter.

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—Former national flyweight champion Arnel Arrozal, 122, won a unanimous decision over Alex Bitong, 125, 10.

Efren Nazal, promoter.

(10-10-81)

▲ **OROQUIETA CITY**—Leo Kaki, 118, and Mac Espanola, also 118, drew, 10.

Jun Garcia, 112, won a majority decision over Little Baguio, also 112, 10.

Wenifredo Benitez, promoter.

(10-16-81)

▲ **BAGUIO CITY**—Ali Formentera, 111, eked out a split decision over Jimmy Boy, 116, 10. Formentera usually fights at 115 pounds.

Ramon Chan, 111, won a unanimous decision over Rito Donayre, also 111, 10.

Antero Velandria, Jr., promoter.

(10-17-81)

▲ **NUEVA ECIJA**—Fel Viesca, Jr., 131, won a unanimous decision over Salvador Darlo, 132,10.

Samuel Garcia, promoter.

(10-17-81)

▲ **BUTAN CITY**—Rey Naduma, Jr., 122, the GAB's top junior featherweight contender, won a unanimous decision over Danilo Inocian, also 122, 10.

Carlito Balacuit, promoter. (10-18-81)

▲ **QUEZON CITY—Araneta Coliseum**—Five 10-rounders headlined.

Pablo Pepito, 115, knocked out Korean newcomer Tae-Sang Chun, also 115, in the eighth round.

Chong-Pyo Kim, 128, Korea, won a unanimous nod over Geron Porras, also 128, the GAB's fifth ranked junior lightweight.

Chito Adigue, 126, ranked second among feathers by the GAB, was held to a majority draw by Eddie Camero, 125. Adigue failed to show his usual zip.

Tale Maguan, 118, and Boy Chua, 119, drew. Maguan usually boxes as a junior featherweight.

Yuri Santos, 15, won a unanimous decision over Rodrigo Saonoy, 116. Santos is a natural flyweight.

Amoranto, promoter. (10-23-81)

▲ **CEBU CITY**—Filipino national lightweight champ Flash Villamer, 136, won a unanimous duke over former champ Nene Jun, 135½, 10 rounds, non-title.

Ver Libradilla, 114, TKO'd Gideon Bacus, 112½, in the eighth round of their scheduled 10.

Rey Salud, promoter.

(10-24-81)

▲ **GEN. SANTOS CITY**—Andy Balaba, 111, the GAB's top ranked flyweight contender, won a unanimous decision over Ric Barimbad, 110, 10. Balaba proved too strong for the old soldier.

Gene Reyno, promoter.

(10-24-81)

▲ **BAGUIO CITY**—Former OPBF junior lightweight champ Rey Tam, 135, won a unanimous decision over Eddie Cejas, 130, 10.

Ruben Alatin, promoter.

(10-31-81)

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Ric Diamale, 119, regained the national junior featherweight title with a unanimous decision over Jong Jong Pacquing, 120½, 12.

Diamale was named "Boxer of the Month" by the GAB as a result of this achievement. "Luis," Ric said to GAB president Luis Tabuena, "this could be the re-beginning of a beautiful friendship." (This occurred in the Philippines, not Casablanca.)

Divino Inocian, 129, won a unanimous duke over Macias Francisco, also 129, 10. Inocian is the GAB's top featherweight contender.

Agustin Garcia, promoter. (10-31-81)

## THAI RATINGS BY THE THAI BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF JANUARY 10, 1982)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Satanfa S. Pratip
1. Tongta Kiatvayupak
2. Saensak Muangsurin
3. Thaminthong Singsamang
4. Kiatsayarm Jokker
5. Burirum Suenmisakavan
6. Mana Premchai
7. Jong Sathiragym
8. Kunphol Sakornphitak

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Kongrug Vocharernrat
1. Petchsayarm Petcharern
2. Thom Singthanongsakdi
3. Kanakorn Thaphoothai

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jenrub Muangsurin
1. Downthong Chuvatana
2. Somdej Sakdiphipus
3. Keovanoi Kiatsingnoi
4. Suradej Klongphajorn
5. Nunthaburong Leadbankye
6. Chokchai Kiatsingnoi
7. Chainarong Chuttinavy
8. Sakad Pornthavee
9. Bakthae Muangsurin
10. Rakchart Kiatvayuphak

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Phadedsuk Pisnurachun
2. Dorn Sornsakdisith
3. Usopnoi Lukakadyotin
4. Sansakdi Sithlukmuang
5. Vechayun Senaphitak
6. Kongkiat Sithmanun
7. Ngoohuoleg Lukakadyotin
8. Prichar Nabanmee
9. Sangsakdi Kittikasem
10. Monkorndum Muangsurin

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Nugprachan Kiatkumchai
1. Santhi Donjadee
2. Dedkad Kiatbunyong
3. Kolnyuth P. Punyuth
4. Sangthong Chanjeelar
5. Manus Lo-ngerng
6. Thumngerng Kiatbunthit
7. Sungud Saksuree
8. Nongthom Singthanongsak
9. Kunphollek Sakornphitak
10. Salatan Tarphoothai

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Dejvarin Hollywood
1. Sakda Saksuree
2. Morkasakdi Muangsurin
3. Arcadej Singjomthong
4. Thournthanong Sorphajorn
5. Thaveekoon Chorsuenanan
6. Ekaluk Singnakornlong
7. Thanupetch Petch-u-bol
8. Duangprasert Sorsembutr
9. Dejumnuen Singthanongsakdi
10. No Listing

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Sakdisamai Chorsitirat
2. Kaosai Galassy
3. Charnok U. Yuthanakarn
4. Venice Borkorsor
5. Kom Chartsurat
6. Surija Pratumvadee
7. Prasong Sithkempetch
8. Mongkol Kiatjongrat
9. Khangthongnoi Kiatsingnoi
10. Somdej Poonchai

**JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Phaktai Osodsapha
1. Brabtorni Luklumpakchee
2. Muns Petchyindee
3. Nasai Charlermchaigym
4. Pharyoa Thooltharat
5. Suban Muangsurin
6. Ali Baba Luklongtan
7. Sombutr Chuvatana
8. Suvan Silpaya
9. Thani Singchuevung
10. Dong Chuvatana

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Dan Pisalchai
1. Chutmongkol Thairungriang
2. Wonchai Sorpenpis
3. Monsayarm H. Mahachai
4. Phichitsuk Kor-u-sayarm
5. Leg Fairtax
6. Chandang Singchuevung
7. Thongberm Lukmaturee
8. Jimmy Sithphaidang
9. Glar Premchai
10. Den Chuvatana

**JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Srithuncha Sithsanae
1. Ratanachai Punvit
2. Luk-odd Phitiporn
3. Jownaeranoi Jomkatha
4. Komleg Sorthanikul
5. Phameechai Sithpornpan
6. Sakolnakorn Kiatmuangtrang
7. Suriya Pratumvadee
8. Phutai Lukminburi
9. Borvonmongkol Singchuevung
10. Raknarong Jorsangthong

*Thai boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Vichit Muangroi-et (#3 WBA junior featherweight), Pongpan Sorphayathai (#5 WBA junior featherweight; #10 WBC), Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh (#10 WBC flyweight).*

## ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS
## BY THE ORIENTAL & PACIFIC BOXING FEDERATION
## (AS OF FEBRUARY 3, 1982)

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Tony Mundine (Australia)
2. Maile Haumona (Australia)
3. Fatai Namoa (Australia)
4. Reno Zurick (Australia)
5. Errol Simpson (Australia)

**CRUISERWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Steve Aczel (Australia)
2. Sam N'Gata (Australia)
3. Danny Carey (Australia)
4. Rod Chritsen (Australia)
5. Terry Neason (Australia)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Tsusuki Toshiyaki (Japan)
2. Soo-Hang Lee (Korea)
3. Ken Eldridge (Australia)
4. Johnny Layton (Australia)
5. Clint Brown (Australia)
6. Jimmy Carew (Australia)
7. Peter White (Australia)
8. Alan Black (Australia)
9. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
10. Jimmy Gillon (Australia)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Wally Carr (Australia)
2. Richie Roberts (Australia)
3. Kenji Shibata (Japan)
4. Byung-Rae Yuh (Korea)
5. Suwarno (Indonesia)
6. Caesar Sasaki (Japan)
7. Yung-Kil Chang (Korea)
8. Chirima Keitoku (Japan)
9. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
8. Kenji Miyata (Japan)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
In-Chul Baek (Korea)
1. Kyung-Min Nah (Korea)
2. Alex Temelkov (Australia)
3. Yohi Arai (Japan)
4. Steve Dennis (Australia)
5. Byung-In Chang (Korea)
6. Katsuhiro Sawada (Japan)
7. Michihiro Horihata (Japan)
8. Aquiliano Nicolas, Jr. (Philippines)
9. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
10. Alberto Cruz (Philippines)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Chung-Jae Hwang (Korea)
1. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
2. Frank Ropis (Australia)
3. Dynamite Matsuo (Japan)
4. Mike de Guzman (Philippines)
5. Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)
6. Blakeney Matthews (Australia)
7. Wong-So Suseno (Japan)
8. Satanfa S. Pratip (Thailand)
9. Junya Kushikino (Japan)
10. Dan de Guzman (Philippines)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Sang-Hyun Kim (Korea)
1. Kyung-Hwan Chae (Korea)
2. Sang-Hyun Baek (Korea)
3. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
4. Willie Makitoki (Philippines)
5. Tatsuya Moriyasu (Japan)
6. Kongrug Vocharernrat (Thailand)
7. Graham Bell (Australia)
8. Hidekazu Akai (Japan)
9. Mohamad Solikin (Indonesia)
10. Gar Atayde (Philippines)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Kwang-Min Kim (Korea)
1. Deuk-Koo Kim (Korea)
2. Barry Michael (Australia)
3. Jyoken Narita (Japan)
4. Hong-Kyu Lim (Korea)
5. Heung-Suk Yuh (Korea)
6. Tadao Ishido (Japan)
7. Rey Tam (Philippines)
8. Pil-Koo Lee (Korea)
9. Downthong Chuvatana (Thailand)
10. Tomas Bernales (Philippines)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tae-Jin Moon (Korea)
1. Kyung-Soo Hong (Korea)
2. Yoshimitsu Azato (Japan)
3. Sa-Wang Kim (Korea)
4. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
5. Young-Ho Oh (Korea)
6. Phadedsuk Pisanurachun (Thailand)
7. Luluk Ushwahir (Indonesia)
8. Takeshi Hamada (Japan)
9. Chong-Pyo Kim (Korea)
10. Nene Jun (Philippines)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
1. Jung-Han Hwang (Korea)
2. Lulu Villaverde (Philippines)
3. Yang Il (Korea)
4. Nugprachun Kiatkumchai (Thailand)
5. Namki Nam (Korea)
6. Divino Inocian (Philippines)
7. Kid Hassan (Indonesia)
8. Yung-Shik Kim (Korea)
9. Eijiro Kuruma (Japan)
10. Dedkad Kiatbungyong (Thailand)

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Willie Lucas (Philippines)
1. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (Japan)
2. Seong-In Suh (Korea)
3. Ric Diamale (Philippines)
4. Dejvarin Hollywood (Thailand)
5. Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)
6. Ito Kenichi (Japan)
7. Didik Muljadi (Indonesia)
8. Erning Queroben (Philippines)
9. Monod (Indonesia)
10. Kang-San Lee (Korea)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Eijiro Murata (Japan)
1. Yong-Hwan Oh (Korea)
2. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
3. Dong-Yung Kim (Korea)
4. Sakdisamai Chorsirisat (Thailand)
5. Arnel Arrozal (Philippines)
6. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
7. Chong-Soo Lee (Korea)
8. Hitoshi Ohashi (Japan)
9. Leo Kaki (Philippines)
10. Tsuguyuki Toma (Japan)

**JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Soon-Chun Kwon (Korea)
1. Tsutomu Itokazu (Japan)
2. Ali Formentera (Philippines)
3. Mun-Kyun Joo (Korea)
4. Flash Jagdon (Philippines)
5. Phaktai Osodsapha (Thailand)
6. Jackal Maruyama (Japan)
7. Brabtorani Luklumpakchee (Thailand)
8. Jae-Myung Choi (Korea)
9. Sok-Chul Bae (Korea)
10. Diego de Villa (Philippines)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Hong-Soo Yang (Korea)
1. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
2. Steve Bell (Australia)
3. Syuichi Hozumi (Japan)
4. Dan Pisalchai (Thailand)
5. Chong-Chul Park (Korea)
6. Yuro Santos (Japan)
7. In-Wan Hwang (Korea)
8. Munadi (Indonesia)
9. Chutmongkol Thairungriang (Thailand)
10. Andy Balaba (Philippines)

**JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Soon-Nam Kim (Korea)
1. Tadashi Tomori (Japan)
2. Junior Thompson (Australia)
3. Ho-Chul Pyun (Korea)
4. Srithuncha Sithsanae (Thailand)
5. Lord Esmero (Philippines)
6. Juanito Ablaca (Philippines)
7. Hi-Sop Shin (Korea)
8. Ratanachai Punvit (Thailand)
9. Hiroyuki Tada (Japan)
10. Jun Resma (Philippines)

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▲ **NUEVA ECIJA**—Filipino welterweight champion Mike de Guzman, 150, and veteran Fred Pastor, also 150, drew, 10.

Former OPBF junior welterweight titlist Dan de Guzman, 148, a southpaw, won a unanimous duke over Armando Boniquit, 149½, 10.

Albert Duldulao, 128, won a unanimous decision over Morris Pastor, 124,10.

Efren Nazal, promoter.
(11-07-81)

▲ **BAGUIO CITY**—Fel Salvador, 131, won a unanimous decision over Joval de Rama, 133, 10.

Ramon Chan, 110½, won a unanimous decision over Henry Balina, 110, 10.

Antero Velandria, Jr., promoter.
(11-14-81)

▲ **PARNAQUE**—Lord Esmero, 107½, won a unanimous decision over Fredo Guanzon, also 107½, 10.

Veteran Neptali Alamag, 122½, won a unanimous nod over Sul Inting, 121½, 10.

Tomas Bernales, 135½, won a unanimous decision over Rod de los Santos, 134¾, 10.

Jess Abrea, promoter.
(11-15-81)

▲ **SAPITAN SPORTS**—Yuri Santos, 16, won a unanimous decision over Dommy Pumar, also 116, 10. Santos is the GAB's second ranked flyweight.

Grego Garcia, promoter.
(11-20-81)

▲ **ANTIPOLO, RIZAL**—Eddie Camero, 127, the GAB's fourth ranked featherweight, won a unanimous decision over Andy Saxon, also 127, 10.

Amy Pacana, 130, won a unanimous nod over Fernando Nercia, also 130, 10.

Florentino Flor, promoter.
(11-21-81)

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Jun Resma, 108, won the vacant Filipino junior flyweight crown with a unanimous decision over the more experienced Mannaseh Base, 107, 12. Resma was named "Boxer of the Month" by the GAB.

Julian Tan, Jr., promoter.

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—OPBF junior flyweight champion Siony Carupo won a unanimous decision over filipino bantamweight king Bobby Berna, 119½, 10, non-title. Carupo, a southpaw, had too much experience for Berna.

Jemuel Maguinsay, 108½, won a unanimous decision over Eddie Paradero, 111, 10.

Jose Caballero, promoter.
(11-27-81)

▲ **BAGUIO**—Former OPBF junior lightweight boss Rey Tam, 136, won a unanimous decision over ex-national titlist Max (Boy) Toyogon, 135, 10.

Little Balsigan, 134, stopped Salvador Darlo, also 134, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10.

Robinson Alatiw, promoter.
(11-28-81)

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY**—Jong Jong Pacquing, 130, the GAB's sixth ranked junior lightweight, copped a unanimous duke over Nerry Codilla, 129, 10.

Leo Kaki, won a majority decision over Robinson Abato, also 118, 10.

Antonio Almirante, promoter.
(11-28-81)

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—Former Filipino champ Arnel Arrozal, 117, won a unanimous decision over Rolando Rosuento, also 117, 10.

Eddie Miral, 126, an overweight banty, was held to a split draw by Andy Saxon. 128, 10.

Efren Nazal, promoter.
(11-30-81)

▲ **CABANATUAN CITY**—Alberto Duldulao, 130, the GAB's sixth ranked featherweight, won a unanimous duke over Albert Saxon, also 130, 10.

Gener Cruz, 130, TKO'd Romy Cunanan, 130, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10.

Samuel Garcia, promoter.
(11-30-81)

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## THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Jownaeranoi Jomkata, 110, won a unanimous decision over Thongberm Lukmaturee, 109, six.
(10-16-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Santhi Donjadee, 126, stopped Sakdichana Sithchanachai, 123, in the second session of a scheduled six-rounder.
(10-18-81)

▲ **BANGKOK**—Unbeaten Lookodd Phitiporn, 109, won a disputed decision over Chalao Muangsurin, 110, six. A riot almost started, and Chalao's manager, Sanong, strongly protested the ref's verdict. Muangsurin certainly deserves a rematch.
(10-19-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—National Thai featherweight champion Nugprachun Kiatkumchai, 127, won a unanimous decision over junior feather titlist Dejvarin Hollywood, also 127, eight. Kiatkumchai has now beaten Hollywood three times.
(10-22-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring**—Muns Petchyindee, 119, a famous kick-boxer, won a unanimous decision over Thai national junior bantamweight champion Paktai (Lipoviatan-D) Osodsapha, 118, 10. Muns used his longer reach to pile up the points. He's now 4-0 with three kayoes.
(10-25-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Saksamutra Singam-ang, 108, halted Payaknoi U. Yuthanakorn, also 108, in the first round of a scheduled six. Singam-ang is now 8-0 with seven kayoes.
(10-27-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Lamthong Sorphayathai, 118, polished off Somporn Sakdioravan, also 118, in the first round of their scheduled six.
(10-28-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakdisamai Chorsirirat, 117, put Prasong Sithkempetch, 120, on the deck in the third round and won via unanimous decision, six. Chorsirirat is the TBC's top ranked bantamweight contender.
(11-03-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thaveekoon Sh. Saunanan, 124, came back after a two-year lay-off and stopped Nongthom Singthanongsak, 126, the TBC's sixth ranked featherweight, in the fourth round of a scheduled six. It was quite an upset.
(11-04-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring**—Hard punching local hero Pongpan Sorphayathai survived a standing eight-count in the fourth round, fought back, and knocked out OPBF junior featherweight king Willie Sucas, Philippines, in 1:17 of round seven in their scheduled non-title 10. It was Sorphayathai's 26th kayo in 27 pro bouts, and Filipino's international impresario, Lope Sarreal, Sr., praised the Thai's fine showing. "Pongpan is an uncut diamond," he said. "I plan to include him in next year's triple world championship card for the Thai bicentennial celebration."

Sorphayathai is now ranked among the WBC's top 10 junior featherweights.

Somphop Srisomvong, promoter.
(11-08-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Armin Muangsurin, 110, won a split decision over Slatan S. Somboon, also 110, six. (Most Thai boxers use the name of the Club or Gymnasium they belong to as their second name. That's why there are so many fighters named Muangsurin.)
(11-09-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Pongprai Siripong, 110, a son of former world flyweight champ Pone Kinpetch, dropped Booncherd Sithkriendgkrai, 112, for a nine-count in the third round and won via unanimous decision, six.
(11-10-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Dechumnaoy Singthanongsak, 123, won a unanimous decision over Suriya Pratumvadee, 122, six. Suriya usually boxes as a junior flyweight, so this was a bit of a mismatch.
(11-12-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Downthong Chuvatana, 138, The TBC's top ranked lightweight, returned from Korea and stopped Petchprakan Singsongphol, 139, in the third round of a sixer.
(11-16-81)

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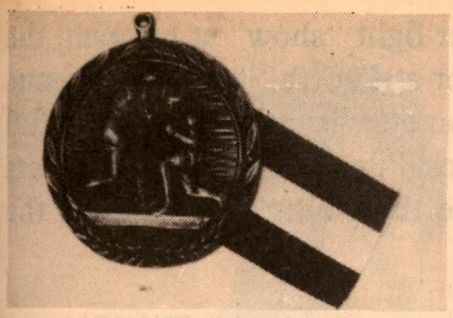

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I FIRST MET Joe Colon at a midwinter fight "show" at his gym, the Loisaida Training Center at Fourth Street and Avenue C on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. A short man with shoulder-length black hair, a full beard, and a long nose, his face half hidden beneath the black Pilgrim's hat that he wears indoors and out, Colon is a fight trainer, and his boxers are the young Hispanics of the neighborhood.

LOISAIDA (PRONOUNCED *LOW-EE-SIDE-ah*) is what the Hispanics call their grim, blighted corner of the Lower East Side, the 70 or so blocks bounded by Fourteenth and Houston streets on the north and south and by the East River and Avenue A on the east and west. It is no place to be somebody, particularly if you are a young man. Whole blocks of Loisaida are in rubble, arson being a common form of slum clearance there. Work is hard to find, and when you get it—polishing jewelry in a Brooklyn sweatshop or loading trucks in Queens—the wage is the minimum, getting laid off is the outcome.

None of that is the stuff that macho is made of, so many young Loisaidans join the army, serve for a couple of years, and then what? Others "scuffle"—do marginal work in the neighborhood, such as running errands, fixing bicycles, or selling flowers on Fridays for the home altars. Many of the rest just hang out on "The D" (Avenue D), the main shopping and shuckin' and jivin' corridor of Loisaida. There, sooner or later, some heavy dude presses them into service for the drug trade and very likely saddles them with a habit of their own and maybe a spell in prison.

For a handful of young Hispanics, Joe Colon is a hedge against the perils of the street. He is pushing the dream of professional boxing and a ticket out of the ghetto. Colon talks no humanist jive about his purpose at the gym; he's after a contender. If he chooses to train you, it means that you are good enough to fight in Los Guantes de Oro—the Golden Gloves. For Golden Gloves winners, there is the chance of beginning a professional boxing career. For a few, there may one day be a shot at a title. In Loisaida, the magic names are those of professional fighters: Pipino Cuevas, Wilfred Benitez, and Roberto Duran—especially Duran, who is to boxing what Jimmy Connors is to tennis.

Colon himself knows all too well the lure of the street. Born 34 years ago in Miraflores, Puerto Rico, he came to Loisaida in his late teens, having quit school at 17 after making it through the sixth grade. What saved him from the descent into hopelessness that overtakes many young Loisaidans was wandering one day into the Gramercy Gym on Fourteenth Street and learning to box. Fixing his sights on Los Guantes de Oro, Colon was at first rejected because of severe burn scars that kept him from bending his arms fully, the result of a car accident at age 11. In the end, he wangled his way into the tournament, only to lose in the preliminaries. Undeterred, he went on to take the Spanish Gloves at 139 pounds, and shortly thereafter the Interna-

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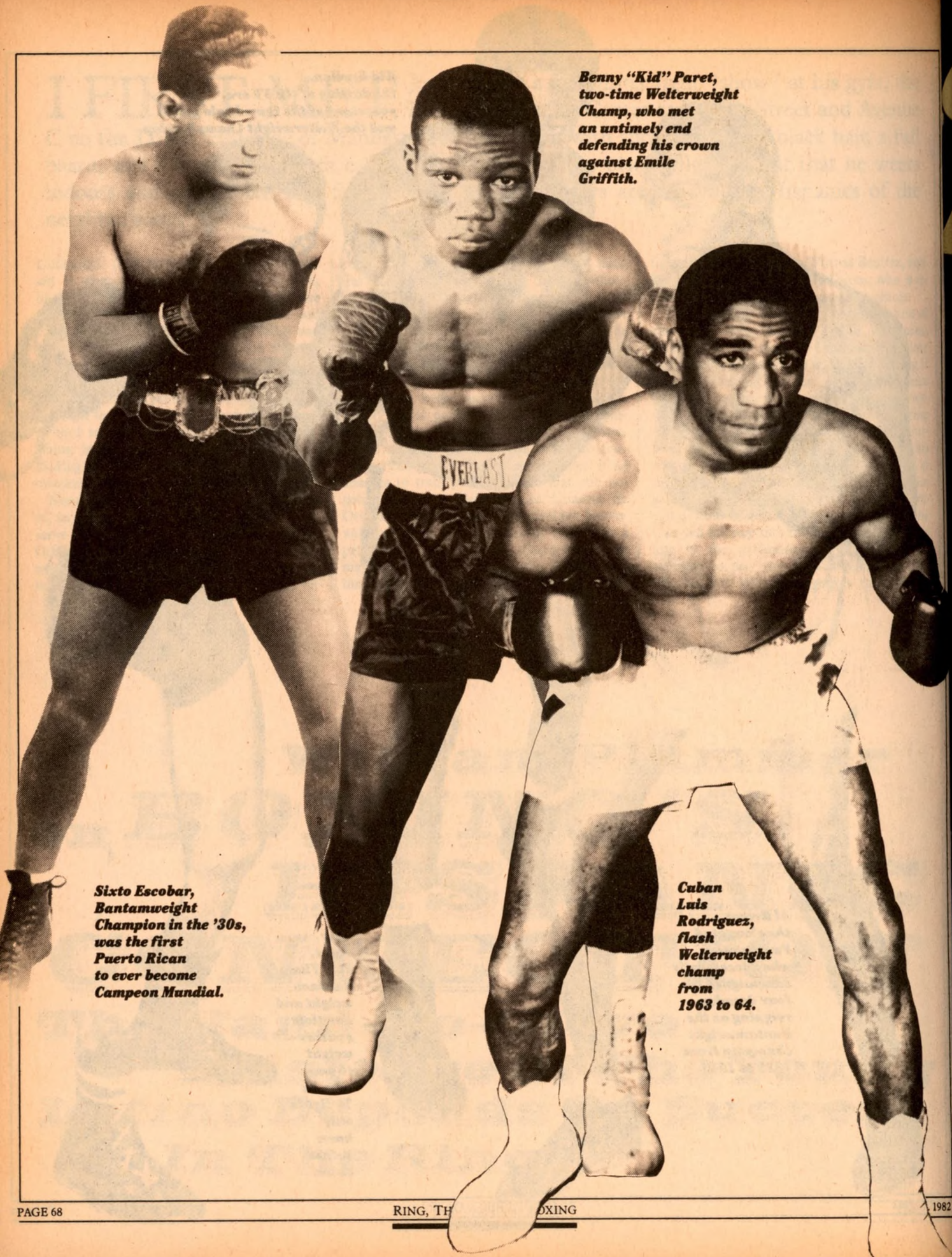


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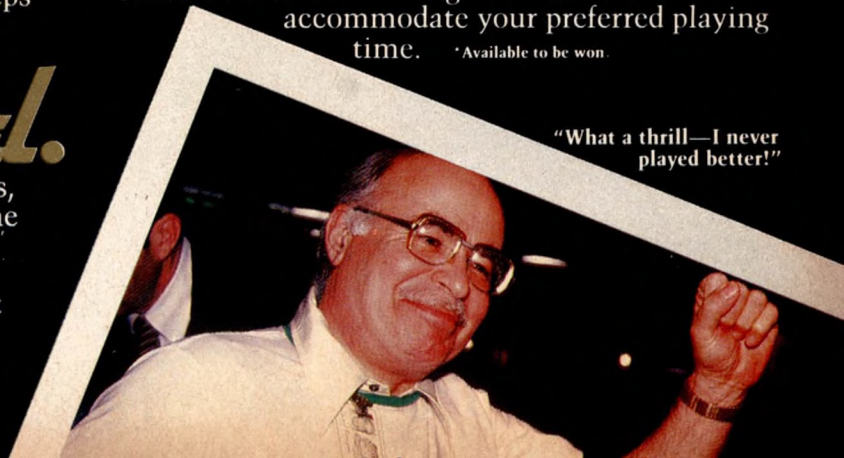

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tional Spanish Gloves in Santo Domingo.

Things were looking up for Joe Colon—so much so that he turned pro. Then, thud. First an old back injury, another legacy of the car accident, reasserted itself. Then, more significantly, he fell heavily for an apricot-complexioned teenage earth mother named Gladys. They eloped without benefit of marriage to a hotel on lower Broadway that was promptly stormed by Gladys' mother, who wanted no part of Colon. Gladys was so special to Joe, however, that to keep her and to mollify her mother he entered into a covenant with the Deity, what Loisaidans call *la promesa*: if the Lord saw fit to give him the child he needed to keep his woman glued to his side, he would swear off boxing, now the second love of his life. Gladys and Joe were visited with one, two, three children, hale and long of lash like their mother, and Colon was out a career. Back to factory work. Or to the street. Unless . . . unless he could find a contender, someone to recoup those lost years for him. So two years ago he helped set up the Training Center.

All gyms, even new ones, look old, and the Training Center is no exception. The dirt is a virtual veneer, the lockers are broken, and the single stall shower deals exclusively in cold water. The main room is arranged as in most gyms: a ring at one end, bags and an area for skipping rope at the other. The decor is late Madison Square Garden—fight advertisements, yellow posters with red lettering and a Latin lilt. A Puerto Rican flag the size of a kerchief adorns the entrance to the changing room.

But the Training Center is homey, in a touching sort of way. Someone has painted the walls periwinkle blue, and there are plants in the windows, bearing coy messages (*Tengo mucho sed*—I am very thirsty). This is no commercial fight tank like Stillman's or Bobby Gleason's. Spectators are neither dunned for admission nor herded into a viewing corral, and the walls are not laden with rules and rates.

The Training Center belongs to the community. Blond-toupeed Freddie Miranda, who runs the luncheonette across the street, and his *compadres* dug up $500 for gloves and apparatus; then they simply entered the charmless brick building, a failed methadone center, climbed to the second floor, and squatted there. Snatched from the abyss of abandonment, the structure seems likely to topple over at any moment.

The center's doors open to the public at four-thirty and close at seven-thirty. Say it's six o'clock; the gym is in full swing. There are a few trainers in view and numerous kibitzers, mostly numbers runners or scufflers between errands. A bell sounds and 20 or so fighters, ranging in age from eight to 25, go hard for three minutes in simulated rounds: they shadowbox, hit the bags, or spar.

Colon is in the ring with Golden Gloves-bound Francisco Maestre, a sinewy welterweight with eyebrows like small brushes. Joe is working Cisco on the hand pads, large gloves that resemble catcher's mitts; he calls out combinations—jab, jab, hook, right hand—then brings a paddle across Cisco's head to mime a counterpunch. Meanwhile, another of Colon's fighters, a compact young pro named Carmelo Negron, jumps rope at the other end of the room, keeping time to Donna Summer's "Bad Girls," the black rope whirring into invisibility as he pedals up and back in front of the mirror, now on one leg, now in the air, crossing hands two or three times in midair in a patently narcissistic display. A few yards away is Adolfo Viruet, a contender in the tough 147-pound division, his upper arms like bolsters on a settee, his features seemingly applied with a palette knife, a good fighter's face, nothing much to hit. In 10 years as a professional, Viruet has never once been off his feet; what's more, he has gone the distance with the incomparable Roberto Duran. There is nevertheless something furtive about him.

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**once been off his feet; what's more, he has gone the distance with the incomparable Duran.**

So here, in a sense, you have it all: Cisco, Carmelo, Adolfo—three stages in the Latin fighter's life.

Cisco calls himself Frankie "Kid Dynamite" Maestre—which offers a clue to his difference from most of the others in the gym and to his kinship with Joe Colon. Both are reflective and quick and deliciously self-amused, which seems to give them license to put on, rip off, and dance on everyone else—and each other. Cisco takes pleasure in calling Colon "rabbi" and wonders aloud whether his trainer's long hair is attached to his everpresent hat. In response, Colon merely folds his hands on his breast and looks prayerful.

While Cisco trades in one-liners, Colon is a nonstop prankster. As a matter of routine, he carries around a small sepia-colored bottle from the "Hollywood Pharmacy" labeled "Cure-all: Use nightly." Tirelessly, he induces new arrivals to the gym—including me—to open the bottle and apply the special lotion within. "It will do you good," he says with winning sincerity. Against his better judgment, the mark succumbs, unscrews the top, and out pops a rubber phallus. Unfailingly, Colon dissolves into a puddle of laughter.

Cisco is married to Lily, has three preschool kids, and has been a first-rate scuffler since age 16, when he dropped out of school. Now 23, he has for several years been especially savvy about government programs, their largess and loopholes. When he was 17, the government paid him to go to the Electronic Computer Programming Institute; that somehow led to one job: a stakeout of an A & P to discover who was pilfering linen supplies. When that ended, the government, through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), paid him for about nine months to tack up sheet rock in a sweat equity building. He also learned to type and took drama lessons at Mobilization for Youth. Next, the government—this time in the guise of the Air Force—admitted Cisco to its security police program, only to find after his schooling was completed that his eyes were not up to par. So they offered him a job in the kitchens, but Cisco declined and bowed out with severance pay.

Recently, Cisco has been giving Uncle Sam something of a break; just before he began training full time for the Golden Gloves, he worked as a restaurant cashier in the World Trade Center, then at the salad bar in a restaurant near Times Square. But his family still gets public assistance: $218 a month for rent, $159 every second week for other expenses.

Cisco lives at the corner of Fourth Street and Avenue D, across from the housing project that is home both to Colon and to the young pro Negron and his mother. Cisco's apartment is fairly typical for the area: living room, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, and two closet-size alcoves filled with the kids' broken toys. Plastic sheets—actually translucent shower curtains adorned with brown fleur-de-lis—cover the windows. Two semicircular chartreuse couches with vinyl slipcovers provide the main seating in the living room, which is dominated by a huge TV console.

Upon it sits the home altar: a crucifix, flowers, plaster figurines of the saints, and photographs of relatives, the whole assemblage mounted on a slip of crimson-colored felt.

The apartment is Lily's world. She is reluctant to venture outside and chance the derelicts on The D—and she has few friends willing to climb the five rankly-scented flights to her apartment. She speaks little English, although it has been five years since she left Puerto Rico to marry Cisco. The three children, when I queried them, knew just one "English" phrase: "Nanu, Nanu," picked up from TV's *Mork and Mindy*. Lily often draws the curtains tight to banish the burned-out vista and floods the apartment with lobotomy-level music. But at least she knows where her husband is. She knows he is not off implementing the Hispanic double standard at discos like The Course and Casablanca II. He's out doing roadwork or he's over at the gym. He's pursuing the monkish regime of the neophyte fighter whose future rides on an impressive showing at this year's Los Guantes de Oro.

The Golden Gloves always draws a motley group of would-be practitioners of "the sweet science": guttersnipes of all races who try to mug their opponents on the ropes, palookas named Sean and Tony who are backed by shrill block associations, Gorgeous George body-builders who confuse sculpted muscle with boxing prowess, and the kids who are for real—most of them black or Hispanic. For the fight fan, the Gloves, even the lengthy preliminary matches, are spectacle, pure and simple. There are 15 to 20 three-round brawls per card, five nights a week for over a month, ranging from the low comedy of egregious mismatches through the nostalgia of old favorites to actual tragedy (a light heavyweight from the South Bronx died in 1979).

Above all, the Gloves are psychodrama, for the vast majority of the fighters, especially in the finals, are black and Hispanic, while the audience is largely made up of working-class whites. For them, every Latin is a "wetback," and every black is named "Stokeley" or "Rastus." Any white fighter up against a black or Puerto Rican with hair in corn rows is warned to "stay out of the furrows," even as the opponent is counseled, "Hey, Sambo, look out! It's harvest time."

This year's psychodrama, staged at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum, was covered by CBS. After the second or third round of the tournament, the station latched onto a sub-novice welterweight with a classic stand-up style, a peaches-and-cream complexion, and the apt name of Jimmy McGovern. The newsmen hyped him to the hilt and even worked up a prime time mini-feature on him. In the semifinal, McGovern was matched with a black fighter named Bell, a lethal-looking, mocha-colored, refrigerator-cool dude who advanced sideways and held his shaved head poised like a cobra's high above his gloves. Bell simply mauled McGovern, who went down several times in sections, like a venetian blind. The few blacks and Hispanics in the audience were exultant when the referee finally decided McGovern had had enough. Even the studiously cool Bell shot his fist at the honky spectators in an eloquently vulgar gesture.

Black fighters like Bell are set on moving from the Gloves through the AAU to the Olympic tryouts—with the thought of catching the attention of big-time promoters along the way. Blacks generally will not turn pro just to take on "tomato cans" twice a month in Oshkosh for $150 a go, plus bus fare. But for the young Latin fighter, the Golden Gloves are everything. Most Hispanics see no percentage in amateur apprenticeship, in pushing through prescribed paces toward the Olympics. "The future is now, sucker!" one kid at the gym told me. In the Gloves, the Latin fighter hopes to cop the sub-novice and open titles in consecutive years and then quickly turn professional.

Such was the course taken by both Carmelo Negron (in 1977 and 1978) and Adolfo Viruet (in 1968 and 1969). And such is the course Cisco hopes to take. Last year, however, Cisco disappointed everyone by losing in the sub-novice quarterfinals to a blocky fighter named Mazzola—or "corn oil," as Cisco obsessively refers to him. "I took too many punches," he says. "I don't know why, but I just froze. It happens sometime."

It is, in fact, questionable whether Frankie "Kid Dynamite" Maestre has it in him to be a pro—and it is crucial that he show well in the Gloves this year, lest Colon lose interest and dip into the gym's stock for another kid. Colon's bond with Cisco is strong, but he's no altruist.

On a cold winter afternoon, Cisco arrives at the Felt Forum an hour early for a preliminary bout. Colon wraps his hands and greases him down with Vaseline. Cisco dresses quickly, all in red: high striped socks, perforated tank-top, Everlast trunks. Most of the other fighters are still in jockey shorts or quilted long johns; some wear hooded sweatshirts, others shiny robes with monikers on the back. The majority are withdrawn, locked into that deep inward stare of subway riders. Meanwhile, the action from the ring is pumped into the room through a speaker in the ceiling.

Colon and Kid Dynamite are incorrigibly themselves. With mock gravity, Colon takes up Cisco's arm, fondles it, then suggests to me that the spaghetti is *al dente*. Next he appraises his fighter closely and, in a stagy English voice, asks, "Why you are boxing with that beautiful face?" With one hand, he squeezes Cisco's mouth to a pucker and says, "You look like Reen-Teen-Teen [Rin Tin Tin]." The antics of the Loisaida delegation seem to loosen up the others, and before long the ubiquitous radio-tape deck is playing, at top volume, Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive."

Soon, Cisco is in the ring, matched with another Hispanic fighter who, rumor has it, was a finalist in last year's Connecticut Gloves. The kid is shorter than Cisco, and deep purple scars circle his calves, as though he'd been wearing manacles to keep his socks up. Cisco advances to the center of the ring and employs a strategy lifted from George Foreman and sharpened by drama classes at Mobilization for Youth: he stares menacingly at his opponent, while unfurling his arms and shifting his weight from leg to leg. The opponent proves to be a plodder whose chief artillery is roundhouse hooks. Kid Dynamite knocks him down four times and wins a unanimous decision.

Cisco's next fight is a week later. In an indifferent display by both boxers, he twice drops Armando Acosta of the Bronx. When it is over, Colon openly complains that so far in the tournament Cisco has been content merely to circle his prey and snap off shoofly jabs, only occasionally moving in for combinations. Colon suggests that Cisco's two victories merit trophies from Crackerjack boxes.

But the following week, in the quarterfinals, Cisco gets down to business. After a tentative first round, he weighs in with combinations, doubles up on his left hands, and—at the expense of a kid from the Empire

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*Panamanian Ismael Laguna, two-time Lightweight Champion who staged thrilling three-fight duel with Carlos Ortiz.*

*Ruben Olivares, the three-time Bantamweight and Featherweight champ, who won his first title at the age of 23.*

Sporting Club—restores Colon's faith in his potential by knocking the kid down. In fact, the kid has been so intimidated by Cisco's smoke that he may have taken a dive. Back in the locker room after the second-round win, a beaming Cisco says to his trainer, "Hey, Colon, how 'bout a steak and Lowenbrau?"

But in the semifinals, Cisco's luck runs out. Nothing seems to work against Simon Ramos, a low-slung slugger maybe a head shorter than Cisco. For the first time, Cisco's stony gaze at the beginning of the fight is countered by a derisive smile. He gets off quicker than Ramos, but his punches fail to detonate. Wobbled by one of Ramos's looping rights, he takes a standing eight count, and at the conclusion of the round, he childishly follows Ramos to his corner, making faces and—oddly, under the circumstances—challenging Ramos to fight. Miraculously, Cisco goes all three rounds, in spite of two more eight counts. At the end, still trying to salvage his pride with bravado, Cisco will not shake hands with Ramos but says he wants to fight him again, and soon. Downstairs, out of the limelight, a chastened Kid Dynamite says, "When it's not meant for you, it's not meant for you." Then, in the shower, he leans out and smiles wanly at me to say, "At least this year I didn't cry."

Unlike the ebullient Kid Dynamite, Carmelo Negron, who is five feet one and a half inches tall, is humorless and cursed with Billy Budd's fatal affliction: "When I in a argument, I can't talk." Carmelo spent the first 16 years of his life in Puerto Rico. "In P.R.," he tells me, "people think I crazy. They know I do anything. Even my friends afraid of me." And with ample reason. He carried around two knives, one called an 007: hold it to a victim, press a button, and the blade spits out. The other was a carpet knife with a hooked blade. One day, a self-styled Bruce Lee foolishly kicked Negron, who, typically, was drunk after school, and hurt him so bad that Carmelo stayed home the next day to recuperate and brood. The following day, Carmelo produced the carpet knife and ran a stripe down the bigger kid's back as he turned to run. Three months later, Carmelo, again wielding the carpet knife, improvised a crucifix across the heart of a friend who had teased him. Both incidents were hushed up, but it was clear that Negron was anteing toward even bigger trouble.

Instead, he came to Eighth Street and Avenue C, where his mother had been living for nine years. Says Carmelo: "The first thing she tell me is go to the gym." He did, and there he met Colon, his surrogate father, who taught him to jab and punch with his knuckles. At age 19, Carmelo has become an honors student and a two-time Golden Gloves winner at 118 pounds. He seems to be on his way to fulfilling the young man's dream in Loisaida: no military, no factory work, no scuffling, no street for him. What's more, his mother even kicked out her male consort when Carmelo voiced an aversion to him. Negron is clearly an asset to his family and will be as long as he musters $150 to $300 a fight.

To see Negron in action, I have to travel to the convention center in Albany. The match is his fifth as a professional. He has knocked out his first four opponents; no one has survived more than two rounds with him. At the convention center, I'm seated at the press table beside a radio announcer who confides that boxing is just not his thing—would I help him out? I'll try, I say, just as Negron and another young Puerto Rican named Rodriguez approach the ring. Rodriguez is fully a head taller than Carmelo; his hair is long, black, and wavy; he sports a goatee. Before divesting himself of his eye-catching red velveteen robe and matching warm-up pants to reveal red-white-and-blue-tassled trunks and shoes, Rodriguez takes a graceful tour of the ring, gesturing confidently to the crowd and giving several demonstrations of the Ali shuffle. The crowd oohs and aahs. Bets are proffered, but few will take the fireplug Negron, who is slipping gracelessly through the ropes.

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The announcer is in a dither, the whole place is humming. Expectations have been whacked silly. Do I know anything about the hapless Rodriguez?, the announcer asks. Not much, I say. We first saw him at the weigh-in. Rodriguez was then attired in high black boots, black velvet pants and vest, yellow ruffled shirt with ascot, and a zooty plaid sport coat. Colon, dismissing him as an actor, rolled his eyes and dubbed him "Liberace."

I suggest that Rodriguez is probably a pretty good fighter; after all, he had a 4-1 pro record and was a New England AAU champion. He'd just been overmatched. "What you're telling me, then," says the broadcaster, "is that the strong little man will generally beat the taller and fancier fighter." I start to say no, that's not it. I start to take the announcer through the stations of Negron's life, to say something about the vacant look in his eyes. I start to talk about the street and Loisaida. But I cut it short, and after a couple of innocuous bouts, I leave the press table.

Heading for the locker room, I meet Negron. He says he went to get a soft drink at the concession stand, but they've told him they are out of soda cups. Together we return to the stand. Negron stands shyly to one side as I suggest to the pimply-faced attendant that just this once he can make an exception and fill a beer container halfway with soda for the parched fighter. Doesn't he recognize Carmelo, I ask. Yes. Well? In the end, the youngster doesn't charge for the drink.

Walking toward the locker room, I look down at Negron, and he lifts his head from the straw and smiles at me. I think briefly of taking his hand. And I realize, belatedly, that I should have said something to the broadcaster about innocence and violence and how they are inextricably intertwined in Loisaida.

Adolfo Viruet fights in $20,000 main events at Madison Square Garden. He owns a big Cadillac with gleaming chrome, raised brand names on the tires, and a Day-Glo velour carpet in the rear window. He has moved out of Loisaida to Hoboken, where he lives with his woman (not quite wife) and infant daughter. By Loisaidan standards, he has made it—but, apparently, at a certain cost.

In the gym, his eyes play hide-and-seek with you—"you" being the honky interloper. Your glance meets his, he looks away; you shift your attention, glance back, and his eyes are trained on you. Adolfo is the single person in the Training Center to have trafficked significantly in the greater white world. He has shed his innocence and seems to have only raw cynicism in its place.

After turning down several requests to meet me outside the gym, Viruet finally agrees to do so—not in Hoboken, however, but at "his" building on Attorney and Rivington Streets, just below Loisaida, in the shadow of the Williamsburgh Bridge. On a cold winter's day I negotiate the broken stairs, skirt the filth and the ripped-out tin wainscoting, and climb to the top floor, where two older Viruet brothers and several teenage runaways warm themselves over a gas range. The building has been abandoned by both the landlord and the city and has been "hooked up" by the resourceful Viruets: there is electricity as well as gas, and

Adolfo is the self-appointed super; several families, when not wintering in Puerto Rico, live there. "Adolfo be on the roof," one of the brothers says.

He is feeding his pigeons and scarcely acknowledges my presence. I occupy myself with the skyline, the sea of burned-out roofs. Finally, I venture something about the film *On the Waterfront*: pigeons, Hoboken, and Marlon Brando, who "coulda been a contender." The parallel is lost on Viruet. Marlon who? Next toss-up: I ask why he moved out of Loisaida. He looks at me in blatant disbelief. "You serious? It a slum, man." Then why does he come here from Jersey to train every day? " 'Cause I from here!" He is disgusted with my denseness and abruptly turns and runs at the pigeons with a bamboo pole.

The flock of 50 or so birds scatters into the air, then bundles, and begins to ring the roof in steadily widening circles. These are not fancy show birds but common "street rats." Adolfo sticks two fingers in his mouth and lets loose a shrill whistle. "Watch the little one," he says, suddenly more friendly. He whistles again, and the smallest of the birds pulls up, turns on its back, starts to pinwheel down like a maple leaf, then catches itself and flips. "He a tumbler."

Suddenly, Adolfo becomes loquacious. "Bird keep me relax. When I got a fight, I come up here and think. Down on the street the people be talking, 'Oh, the guy going to kill you.' They get you mess up. Up here I think, 'This guy, better than me, what I got to do to beat him?" He pauses, looks at me, smiles. "I come up here to goof the bird."

For the next hour, we talk about a life that overlaps Carmelo Negron's in key places: a shrewd mother who knew that the violence that fueled Adolfo would get him more mileage in the gym than on the street; a complex, unarticulated relationship with an older man, his trainer, Joe DeMaria. For seven years after his 1969 Golden Gloves win at 126 pounds—he and his brother Edwin were co-champions—Adolfo's career was blue-chip. He was undefeated in his first 12 professional fights, disposing of four or five top fighters along the way. Then in 1975, he decisioned Monroe Brooks in Las Vegas on national television and became the North American junior welterweight champion. Big paydays were in the offing. In 1976, he lost a close fight to Pete Ranzany, followed by the loss to Duran.

Adolfo's mood and tone change with his narrative. As he describes the loss to Ranzany he becomes almost surly. When he reaches Duran, paranoia is in full flower. "I don't want to say nothing about ref and judge, but to me they all crook." He beat Duran, he says, but Duran's got connections.

Last year, Adolfo decisioned junior welterweight contender Bruce Curry, but now—at age 27, after 10 years as a pro—no one wants to pay Viruet the $30,000 to $40,000 he feels he's worth for a main event. *They* this, *they* that. "They don't give me shit. They offer a couple of dollar so they could take away my name. . . . I don't know why I born this world. I should been born dead." He starts to walk away, then says, "I blame my father for getting drunk and making me." He laughs and things are all right again—sort of.

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For the next few weeks, I see him daily at the gym. He works mainly on the heavy bag, trying to realign his punches to emphasize the outsides of his hands, because his knuckles have turned to pulp. He makes it clear that he doesn't want me on his roof again. Then he disappears from the gym. He has revealed himself to me and clearly it.

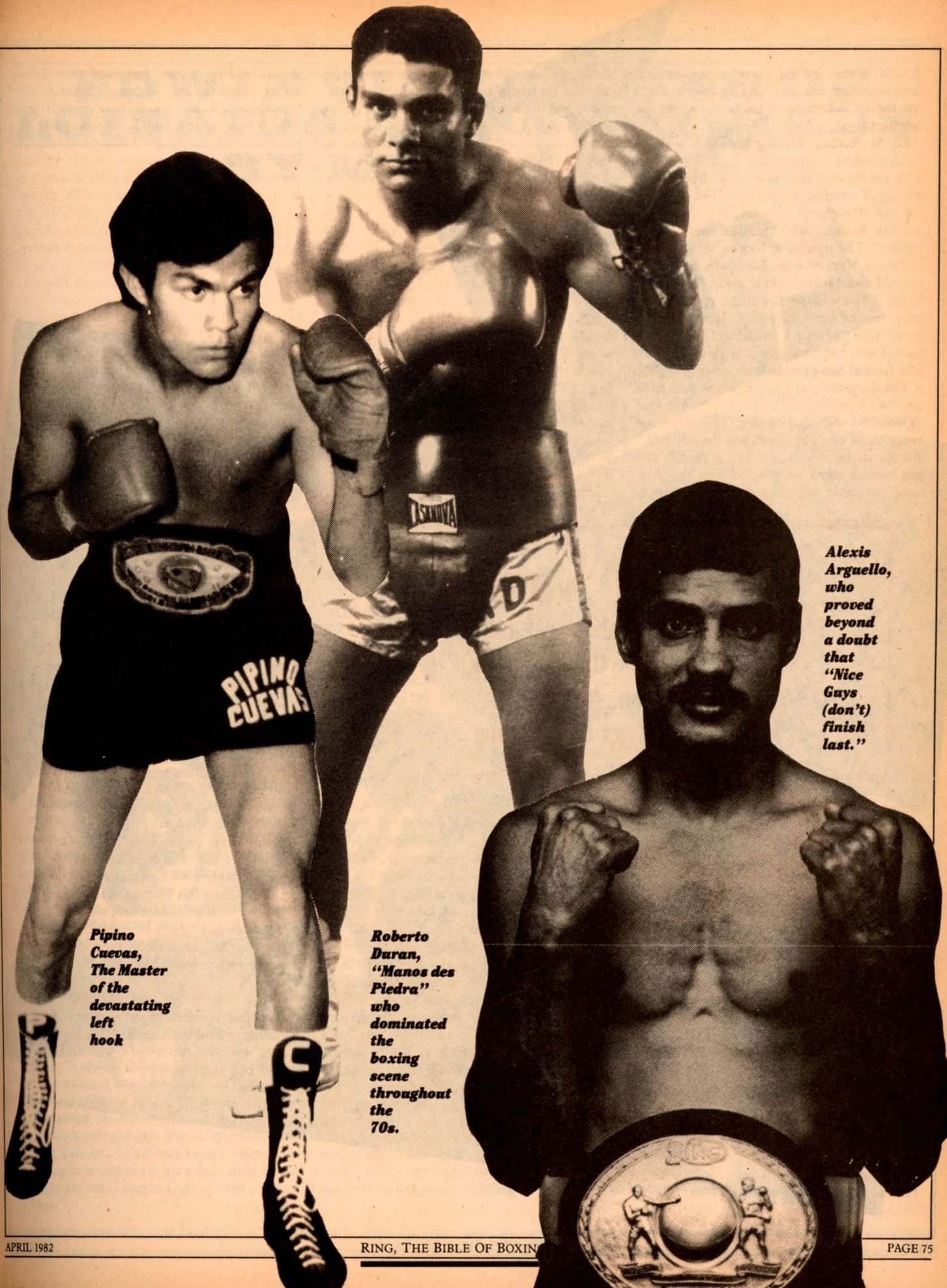
A few weeks later, ABC Sports announces that Sugar Ray Leonard, the appealing Olympic champion, will be facing his toughest opponent yet, April 21 in Las Vegas: "Adolfo Viruet, the man who went ten rounds with Duran and has never been off his feet." On fight day, network announcer Keith Jackson wraps the scene in the usual silken insincerities. The camera pans the audience of the Dunes Hotel for celebrities; it pries into the dressing rooms, lounging with Leonard, who coyly mimes disinterest, then winks; finally, it pauses briefly in Viruet's room. His hair is shorter; his smile, made-for-TV.

The fight is dull. For a round or two, Leonard takes Adolfo seriously: no showboating. But Adolfo can't have had more than a few weeks' training, and he doesn't seem in the best shape. In any case, it becomes clear that Adolfo has just one punch, a looping left. In the fourth round, Adolfo meets the canvas for the first time in his career—he gets up and shrugs at his corner. By the fifth, Leonard is waxing show biz: a modified shuffle, gratuitous head feints, fancy flurries, and Ali's bolo punch. Leonard toys with Adolfo, feigns weak knees, and rolls his eyes in mock desperation. Adolfo can do little about it: he is warned for low blows and plants an elbow in Leonard's jaw, which the camera sees better than the ref. On the ropes, with Leonard's weight against him, Adolfo looks crazed, his eyes all whites; between rounds he is pathetically ingratiating, patting the indifferent Leonard on the arm or tush after each go. He fails to win a single round of the 10-round match.

The next day, a two-inch item in the paper says that Viruet made $40,000 on the fight. Enough to put a down payment on a house. But not enough to change things in any essential way. Viruet remains, at least figuratively, a citizen of Loisaida. And though the Leonard people offered him more than "just a couple of dollar," they took away his name. Surely Leonard will get more value out of it in the future than Adolfo himself will. Still worse, during the fight Joe DeMaria, Adolfo's trainer, suffered a heart attack.

A week before the Leonard-Viruet debacle, Carmelo Negron had fought a high-stepping Dominican in the Felt Forum. Negron wasted his opponent with such brute force that Garden promoter Gil Clancy said he'd like to match him immediately with featherweight champ Wilfredo Gomez. After the fight, a pleased but troubled Joe Colon asked me whether I'd heard the real news: the Training Center had been closed down by the city. No one knew why. The kids had gone their different ways. Some were no doubt at the Boys' Club on Tompkins Square; others were probably back on the street. Colon was training Cisco and Negron at the Solar gymnasium on West Twenty-eighth Street. Negron's star was clearly ascendant. But Adolfo Viruet bulked large in all their minds. Perhaps his future was theirs, too.

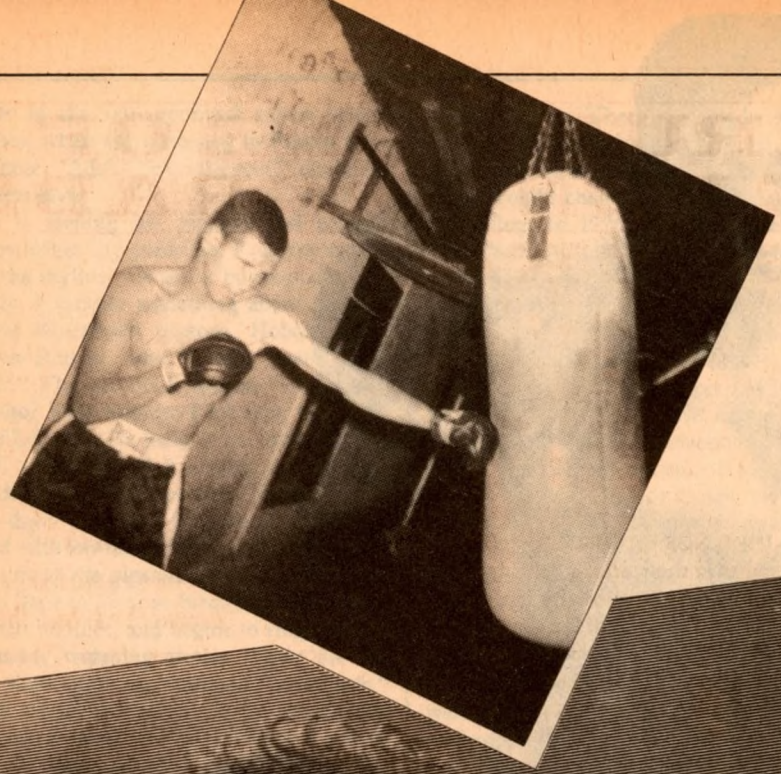
A few months later, in the middle of the summer, I chanced to drive past the brick building at Fourth Street and Avenue C. The lights were on, somebody was drubbing a speed bag right next to a window. Freddie Miranda, his blond toupee winking in the late-afternoon sun, was making his way from his luncheonette, laden with coffee. I heard that Joe Colon was keeping his boys up at Solar for the time being, maybe for good. But other trainers and other fighters were working there. The Loisaida Training Center was open again. □




*Pipino Cuevas, The Master of the devastating left hook*

*Roberto Duran, "Manos des Piedra" who dominated the boxing scene throughout the 70s.*

*Alexis Arguello, who proved beyond a doubt that "Nice Guys (don't) finish last."*



# EDWIN VIRUET: ONE OF LOISAIDA'S HONOR GRADS

## -BY MIKE KATZ-

ROBERTO DURAN COULDN'T HURT HIM, NOT IN 25 ROUNDS, NOR ESTEBAN DE JESUS IN 10. IT WASN'T that long ago that Edwin Viruet was one of the best lightweights in the world, a dancing, taunting boxer who could laugh at opponents because no one could hurt him. And then he virtually disappeared in his native Puerto Rico. ¶ He has since returned to New York, the city where he grew up, for a comeback with a 72-year-old trainer who has had only two previous professional fighters. ¶ Viruet's face remains unmarked, but the scars are deep. His opponents couldn't hurt him with their punches. The way they ducked him, though, that hurt. ¶ Viruet won his first fight with Bobby Ciocher in his corner last Dec. 15, by stopping Norman Goins, a club fighter who has seen better days, in the ninth round at the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City. It was Viruet's first fight in more than a year, a year he spent training and waiting for an opportunity. One or two more victories, said Don Elbaum, the Tropicana's matchmaker, "and he'll be ready for anyone in the world."

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"Let's not kid ourselves, Edwin Viruet is a has-been," Ciocher, an almost legendary trainer of amateur fighters at the West Side Y.M.C.A. for 61 years, once said. "He's past his prime. He'll tell you he's 30, but he's older than that." Viruet's first professional fight, according to "The Ring" record book, was in 1969. ¶ Ciocher, who says he has always advised "my kids" not to turn professional—"I always like the activity, I never liked the game, if you know what I mean,"—was talked into working with Viruet by Elbaum's employer at the Tropicana, Ted Menas. And now Ciocher says he believes that Viruet "honestly can go to the top" of a lightweight division now ruled by Alexis Arguello, the World Boxing Council champion. Even a Viruet past his prime can probably still give Art Frias, the World Boxing Association champion, plenty of problems.

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The silver-haired Ciocher has taught Viruet a few new tricks—Viruet doesn't bounce around as much; instead, he is more firmly planted, his punches harder. But Viruet feels he is running out of time. ¶ "I'm getting tired of this," he said recently, taping his hands in a small-second-story locker room at the New Garden Gym on West 30th Street. His next fight, against an opponent to be named, is scheduled for Feb. 5 at the Audubon Ballroom on the upper West Side. "This is my last year," Viruet said. "I'm going to quit. I got worries. I'm going to go out in the ghetto; I don't care what I got to do to help my kids and my wife. How many peoples are off jobs now? ¶ "I been all around, I'm not a nobody, I'm a name, and all these peoples, these unknowns, they get a chance after 18 fights. Who is this champion? Art Frias? Why does he get a chance? Who he ever beat?"

He looked downstairs at the swirling activity in what used to be called Gleason's Gym. "Who needs this? It ain't easy, you know, putting your face into that," he said. "It's a tough way to make a living, but all I want is a chance. Arguello, he don't want to fight me. Turned me down. I got five in a row now." ¶ Those five victories, which brought his record to 30-4-2, were against mediocre opponents. A few years ago, Viruet could beat the best. ¶"I beat Vilomar Fernandez, who beat Arguello," he said. "I beat Alfredo Escalera, who was a champion. I beat Saoul Mamby, they gave me only a draw, but I beat him. I been around since '66, '67, and a guy like Howard Davis, he started yesterday and he ain't fought anybody and he's making two times more than me. These kids who started yesterday and they make a million, two million, a quarter of a million."

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Viruet had a chance once. He went 10 rounds in a nontitle fight with Duran back in 1975 and made the champion look bad, even while losing a decision. Duran gave Viruet a title fight Sept. 17, 1977. At $30,000, it was Viruet's biggest payday, and there are those who believe the challenger won it. Viruet has lost only once since, a 10-round decision to DeJesus, another former lightweight champion. ¶ "I beat DeJesus easy, I shut him out," said Viruet. "They say he's the winner, just that, they don't say how. I say that's Don King's idea. I cuss King out." He referred to Don King, the promoter. ¶ "Calm down, Edwin," said Ciocher. "I told you not to talk so much. Why do you think you never got a shot? Because you blow your mouth off." ¶ "It's O.K., Pop," said the fighter. "I always call him 'Pop' because he's just like a father to me. I know him many years. Pop says don't move around so much, it don't help your power. But now when they see I'm knocking out people, they'll be even more afraid of me."

Pop shook his head. "You see the problem?" Ciocher said. "He talks like that about Arguello. You think Arguello is going to give him a fight now, he talks like that?" ¶ "Arguello, he only wants to fight tomato cans," Viruet went on. "They're all afraid of me. They don't want to fight me. Same thing with my brother Adolfo." ¶ "They're trying to get me a fight with Hilmer Kenty," said Viruet, referring to the former W.B.A. champion. "I fight anyone. I fought Duran in his prime. For me, now he is a piece of garbage. I fought Duran when he was Duran."

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## *IN SEARCH OF A PORTRAIT OF JOHNNY WILSON*

*BY LEE GOODWIN*

I HAD TO BEGIN THIS AGAIN BECAUSE I just received this letter from Johnny Wilson's daughter today. Wilson became the middleweight champion of the world in 1920, despite the smart money at Mechanics Building that night which predicted he would lose. It finally took one of the greatest fighters in all of boxing history, Harry Greb, to beat Wilson for the title three years after he had won it. After watching both of them fight once, Ring Lardner was moved to comment: "Either one of them could hit the other with a crowbar and they would think a gnat was biting them." Wilson lost the title like a champion, still standing after 15 grueling rounds with Greb, and now he lives somewhere in Boston. The letter from his daughter said, "Frankly I think it best you forget interviewing my Dad as life is becoming more complicated with him—many personal family problems." The translation reads: "Dad has become more senile since we talked last and I've run out of patience trying to deal with him. The last thing I need now is to arrange an interview." It will be a shame if my pursuit of Wilson ends on such an anticlimatic note, but perhaps it's better this way.

It's easy to find the oldest boxing promoter in Boston. He sits slumped back in his red chair everyday in the back room of his ticket agency, RIP VALENTI'S TICKETS, on Canal Street one block up from Boston Garden. I was there one day, a long time ago, trying to locate old prizefighters from the area, and everytime I mentioned a name, Rip would answer: "Dead . . . Dead . . . Nope, he's gone . . . Nah, he died 15 years ago . . . Forget it, he's been dead 20 years . . ." He knew where to find everyone who was still alive except for one; Johnny Wilson. "I ain't seen him for years. Nobody's seen him for years. Don't show up at the dinners or nothin'." No one else sitting in the back room waching the Red Sox game knew where to find him either. "Hey," one guy finally offered, "didn't he used to hang around a cigar store on Mass. Ave. near Symphony Hall? You might still find him there. That's the best I can do for you, kid."

No one in the bars and lounges that line the street between Symphony Hall and Boylston Street had seen Wilson for years. Finally, I asked an old man behind the counter of a tobacco-newspaper shop on the corner. Yes, he had heard of Wilson. He came by every day to buy his newspaper there. His phone number? He would have to check. The guy filed through a pile of slips until he found Wilson's. "He's a little hard of hearing," the clerk warned me.

I called him the next day:

"Hello. Mr. Wilson? This is the nephew of Tom Goodwin, the fight promoter." My great-uncle used to promote Wilson's fights here in Boston.

"What?" he answered.

". . . the fight promoter from the '20s," I shouted into the phone.

"Who?"

"Tom Goodwin."

"Oh, Goodwin. Yeah. Whadda'ya want?"

"I'm writing a project about boxing. I'd like to come over and talk with you."

"Not now."

"How about tomorrow?"

"That would be good. I'll meet you in town. Call me tomorrow."

Before I could say anything he hung up.

The next day's conversation was worse:

"Yeah, whadda'ya want? . . . Listen, leave me alone, will ya."

"But yesterday you said . . ."

Before I could finish he hung up.

That was all for a week or two, until I found myself once again on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Boylston Street. Logically, it should be a cultural oasis—with Symphony Hall, the Institute of Contemporary Art and Berklee College of Music all within a block of one another, but they are outnumbered by the bars & grilles, the pizza joints, the discount pharmacies and the grizzly characters watching the sidewalk traffic from doorways. At first the man behind the cigar-store counter didn't remember me, then it clicked: "Wilson was just in here. You might still catch him." The guy was all excited. I followed him outside and around the corner. He pointed at the back of a rotund gnome-figure shuffling along, wearing a black wool overcoat and carrying a shopping bag. "That's Wilson," he said.

The lights in Mechanics Building dim and the referee climbs between the ropes and into the ring. The crowd quiets to a murmer. "IN THIS CORNER . . . FROM BOSTON," the referee's voice echoes, as he points to a man who is standing, pensive, waiting to demolish his opponent in the opposite corner, "WE HAVE THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD . . . JOHNNY WILSON!" The crowd erupts as if he had just hit the game-winning home run.

Before I ran after Wilson, I went back into the tobacco shop. I had read some place that Wilson liked a good cigar, and at that point anything was worth a try. "This is Wilson's favorite," the tobacco man assured me, "and don't worry, he always steps into Cosmos Pizza for a while before he heads home."

But Wilson was just about to cross the street when I caught up with him.

"Hi, Mr. Wilson?"

He swung around and scrutinized me from beneath his black hat. His head was large, and his nose, smashed flat from years of punishment, was enormous and obscured his other features. I introduced myself and said I wanted to talk with him.

"Whadda'ya want?" he asked.

I apologized for the phone calls. "I . . . ah . . . hope you'll forgive me."

"Where did you get my phone number from, anyway?"

"The guy at the . . . ah . . . Rip Valenti give it to me."

"Valenti?" he repeated to himself, as if the name reminded him of something long forgotten. "Oh, *Rip* Valenti. So whadda'ya wanna talk about?"

"Well, I'm writing a book on the history of boxing in Boston, especially the early years," I began. (It was a bit of a lie. At this point it was only a school project, but I figured he might think a book was more worth his time).

I pulled the cigar from my pocket and offered it to him. He looked at the cigar, then at me, then back to the cigar and took it without a word. "There aren't many people around who remember back then," I continued. "I want your life to be a big part of

the material. Even if you want to talk about something other than boxing, that's O.K."

Two weeks later, I was back again. This time Wilson was wearing a plaid jacket and a dress shirt. He shook my hand and said, "Hi. How are you? How's your family?" When I reminded him of who I was and what I wanted, he replied, "How much do I get for this?"

First, I tried to explain that he'd get paid as soon as I got paid. "I don't understand that," he answered. "Where's the money?"

Then I told him that I could only afford to give him ten or twenty dollars for now. "No, don't bother me. You mean I have to wait for it? I get paid for the books I do," he said. He was referring to a collection of interviews with ex-boxing champions in which he appeared years ago. But I had already telephoned the author of that book for advice and had found out that Wilson—as everyone else in the book—had done the interview at no charge. So I tried to explain to Wilson that he'd eventually receive between $100 and $200 for talking about two hours, as soon as I sold the article. "Nah, I can't sit that long. Besides, *when* do I get paid?"

I assured him that no other boxer I interviewed would get paid more than him. "I don't want to wait for the money," he answered, and then turned away.

I began to walk away, but after a minute I turned and caught up with him. "You gonna write a story about this?" he asked. "You go to the publisher and get paid from them. You're not gonna pay me."

"But I have to show them something first," I pleaded. "I have to wait for them."

"Then what guarantee do I have?" he asked. "What are you bothering me for if you don't have any money?"

"How did being champion affect your life?" I asked. The question took him by surprise.

"Whadda'ya mean, 'affect'?"

"Influence," I answered.

"Being champion, people respect you more. It never went to my head. I'm the same now as then. Only time it went to my head is when I was signing a contract for money. No, I was never cheated by a promoter. My manager played third base for the Red Sox. Then I made him my manager."

"Do you ever think about boxing, now?" I asked him. He just shrugged his shoulders, and without a word he walked away.

I showed up at the cigar store at 1:30. On the nearby steps two old men with whiskers on their dark faces played cards. They watched a young woman as she walked past them and stood before me. She brushed aside her blond hair and asked for spare change to mail her postcard. At about two o'clock I spotted Wilson across the street carrying his shopping bag. I stopped him as he was about to enter Cosmos Pizza. "How are ya, my boy?" he said to me.

I asked him if he missed New York. It was time for a different approach. "New York is O.K. if you're in business," he said. "Now whadda'ya want?"

I made one more appeal for an interview. "Don't bother me no more. Leave me alone. I don't talk to nobody about past performances. I don't want to talk to nobody. Look, leave me alone, will ya?"

I came back in an hour and walked past the pizza joint to make sure Wilson had left. I sat down with two men who were Wilson's friends, both in shabby pants and short-

**I STARTED BOXING IN 1915. I HAD A NIGHT CLUB IN NEW YORK. THE SILVER SLIPPER. THAT WAS THE BIGGEST NIGHT CLUB IN THE COUNTRY. WE HAD RUBY KEELER, JOAN CRAWFORD. THEY WERE CHORUS GIRLS THEN."**

sleeved shirts, and told them who I was. "He's queer, ya know," one of them said of Wilson. "He does what we do all day."

"What's that?" I asked.

"Lounges," the man answered. "You really irked him. He don't like to talk about his past. He's a regular Joe. He comes in here and talks with us."

"What do I get for it?" he asked.

I didn't understand what he meant.

"What do I get paid? Don't you think someone my age is entitled to something?"

"Sure," I said. "If you want to get paid, we'll do that."

"Yeah," he agreed. He looked pleased, as if I were beginning to see things his way. "Yeah, then I'll tell you everything you want to know. Boxing . . . opinions . . . everything."

"How much did you have in mind?" I asked.

"I don't know. Whadda'ya want to offer me?"

"Can't you give me some idea?"

"Look," he said, opening his palm as if he were about to shake hands. "You're gonna turn this into a book, right? So you'll get paid for that. Why shouldn't I get something?"

"I *hope* it becomes a book," I said. "I don't know. If this becomes a book, I'd be sure you got something. But if you want something now, we'll do that."

"Yeah, I'd like something. You'll write a book. I hope you'll sell six million of 'em."

"Look," I said. "I've never even sold an article. I understand you want something for this. Can you give me a rough idea?"

"No . . . I don't know about money. You talk to some people. See what they say. Offer me something and I'll tell you if that's O.K. If it's not enough . . ." He shrugged his shoulders. "I'm here every day after two."

"How long have you lived in Boston?" I asked. I was beginning to see the hopelessness of this, like a fight manager trying to convince a stubborn promoter to use one of his boys in the next bout.

"I come from New York," he replied.

"Harlem, right?" I asked.

"Yeah, and I started boxing in 1915. I had a night club in New York. The Silver Slipper. That was the biggest night club in the country. We had Ruby Keeler, Joan Crawford . . ." He rattled off a list of impressive sounding names, most of which, like himself, had faded from the limelight long ago. "They were chorus girls then. Durante. Then I moved when the city crashed and we went bankrupt in the '30s. I've lived in Boston ever since."

"Where do you live now?" I asked.

"In Brighton."

"Can I take you out for dinner sometime and we'll talk?" I asked.

He nodded his head.

"Is there something else I can do for you in return for talking, besides paying you?" I asked. I was stone broke.

This time he looked puzzled. "I don't have much money," I explained. "I'm a student. Is there something else I can do instead?"

"No. You talk to someone. Make me an offer. I'm, here everyday." Then he smiled for the first time, poked me playfully in the ribs, and turned his wide frame to walk across the street. I watched him disappear with his shopping bag down Massachusetts Avenue. He never looked back.

"I wouldn't do anything if I had his money either," said the other man who was smoking a cigarette now.

"What money?" said the first man. "He lives over in Brighton, in the projects, right? They don't let you in there if you have money."

I got up to buy a Coke and asked a young guy behind the counter about Wilson. "He's nasty," the guy said. "Real nasty."

"I know he used to have money once," I said to the guys back at the table.

"Hey," answered the one with the cigarette, "We all used to have money once. Why don't you write your thesis on giving more social security to the elderly. And when we go into a restaurant, they'd give us a free meal."

It was close to a year before I returned to look for Johnny Wilson. An old boxing trainer said he had heard that Wilson was in the hospital. I hoped enough time had passed for Wilson to forget about me. I did not recognize him at first when I walked into Cosmos Pizza until I saw his unmistakeable nose. He was dressed in an expensive wool overcoat and hat and he sat at a table with a woman.

"Yes, I remember you," he said.

"I heard you weren't feeling well so I came by to see how you were," I said.

"I'm feeling fine," he said, knocking on the table.

We wouldn't talk aobut boxing today, I'd decided, so we chatted about the days growing shorter and the wind and the cold. Everytime the door opened he tugged at his coat collar.

"The draft," he snorted.

I asked him about New York again. "I just visited there," he said. "You see, I moved here around 1920. Then I went to New York in the early '20s, when I had the Silver Slipper. I returned here during the depression, been here around 40 years now. Gotta go home and cook."

I asked him what he did in the evenings.

"I watch television. What else *is* there to do? The news is over at 11:30. Then I read the newspaper and go to bed around 1:30 or 2:00."

He wondered aloud where his friends were today. "It's already three o'clock. Maybe it's too cold. No one comes out when it's so cold." He shifted in his seat and tugged at his collar again. "I think I'll leave soon. Go home and cook. I don't want to cook." Then he got up, grabbed his newspaper and left.

The woman across the table began to smile at me but turned to look out the window. "He'll be back," she said. But he never returned.

The old guy at the corner cigar store who gave me Wilson's number in the first place hadn't seen Wilson now in six months. But I had to find him again. I'd finally received grant money to pay Wilson for an interview; my ship had come in. I don't make an occupation out of looking for missing persons, and I'm still not sure what made me do it this time. But it probably had a lot to do with the way he feinted me and jabbed me in the early rounds, when I had met him well over a year before. This was my comeback. I had the dough, the greenbacks, right in my pocket now. But would he talk?

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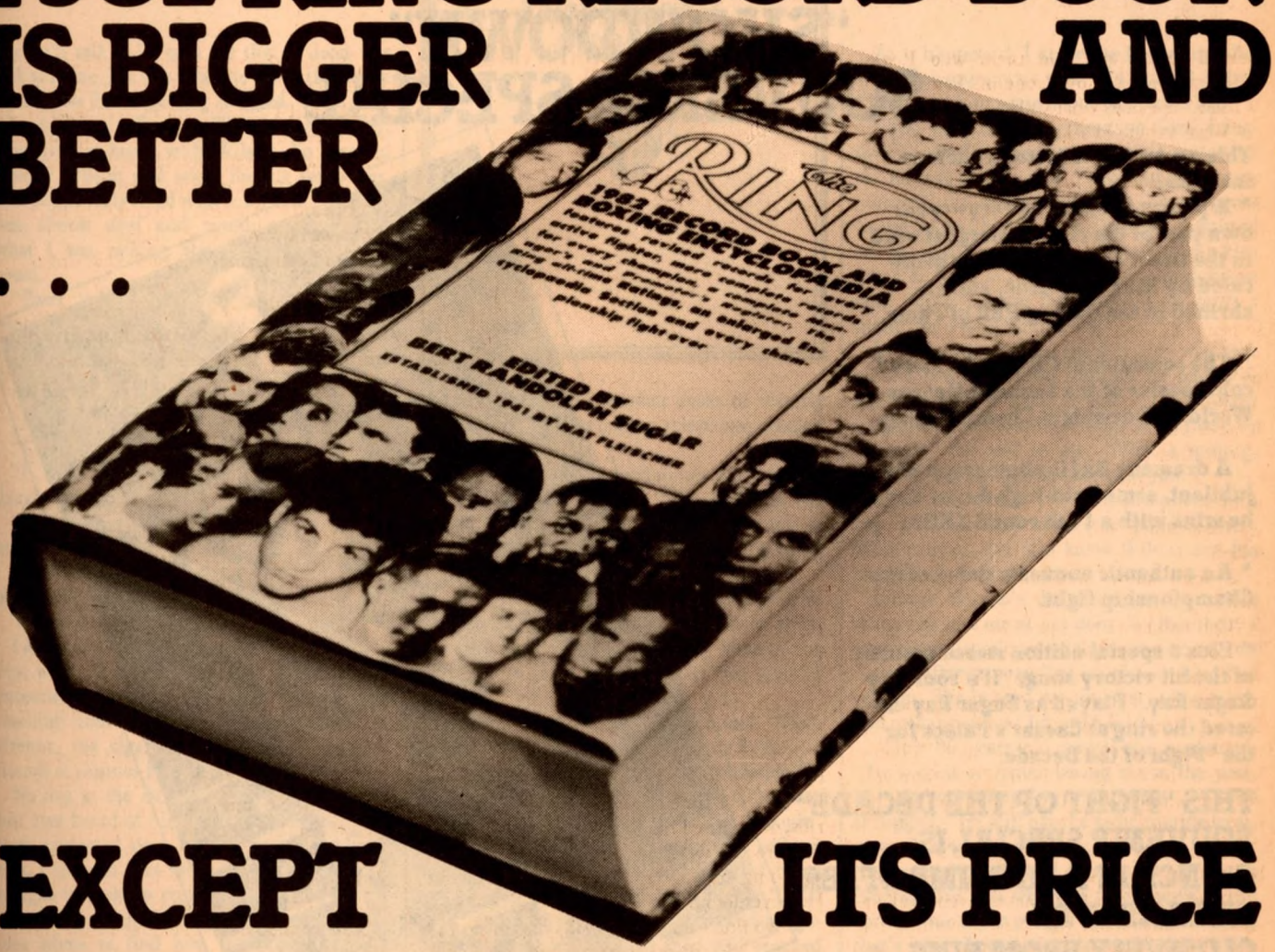


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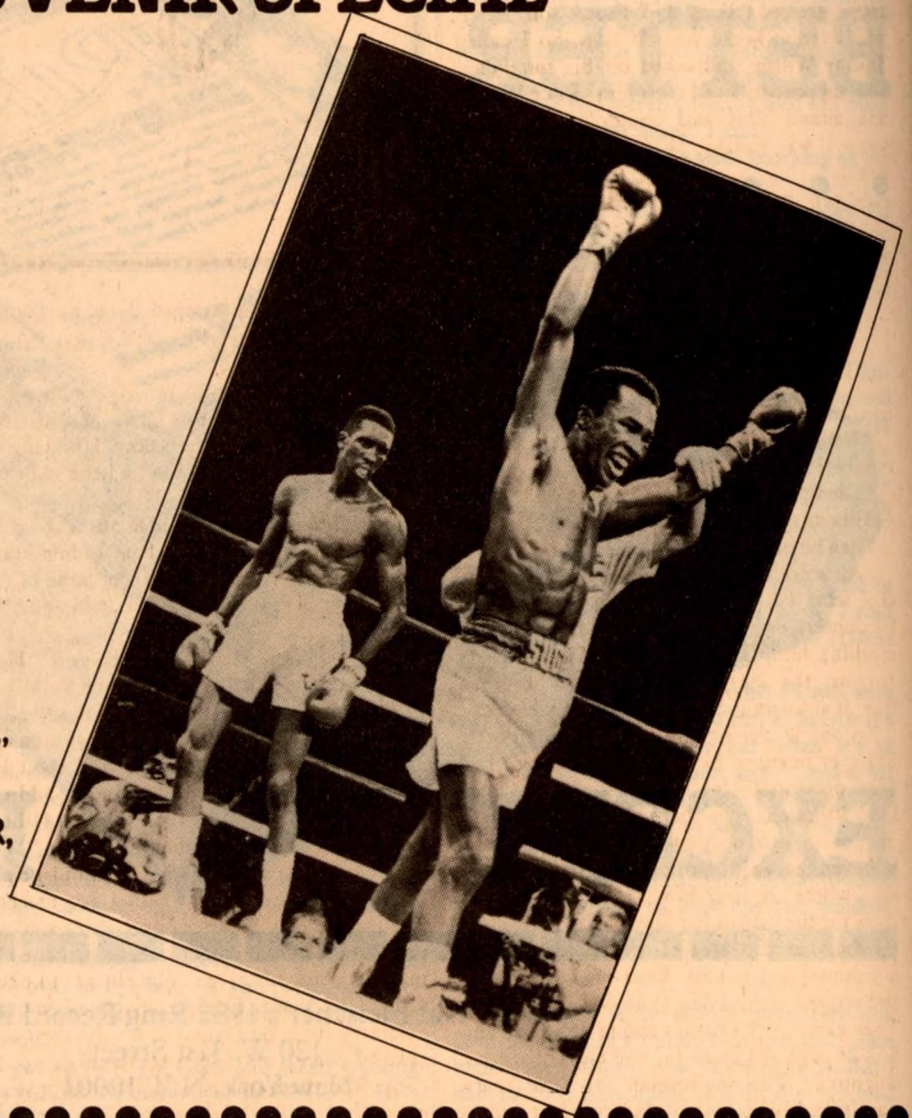

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**WE'RE TRYING TO GET HIM TRANSFERRED TO A NURSING HOME," THE COP ON THE PHONE HAD TOLD ME EARLIER. "TWO KIDS JUMPED HIM AND HE BEAT UP ONE OF THEM. HE'S STILL A FIGHTER"**

one he'll talk to."—told me that Wilson was sick at home. He was afraid to leave the house because he feared getting mugged. Then Bartolo suggested talking to Wilson's son, Peter, who lived at home with Wilson. So I called Johnny Wilson and asked for his son Peter, who supposedly lived with him. Since Wilson was almost deaf and couldn't understand what I was talking about, maybe his son could.

"Peter who?" Wilson bellowed back, annoyed at an unfamiliar voice. He was just as I remembered him from two years ago, the first and only other time I tried to call him.

"Peter," I repeated.

"My son Peter? He don't live here."

"Can you give me his phone number?"

"I don't got his phone number. My daughter has it."

"Well, can you give me her phone number?"

"I don't know it. We don't give each other our phone numbers."

Then he hung up.

I knew nothing about his life nowadays, except what I had gathered from our previous encounters, which meant I had no way of reaching him. The strolls to Massachusetts Avenue, the cigar and newspaper and his friends at Cosmos Pizza had abruptly ended.

No one at the Brighton-Allston Chronicle had ever heard of him. Maybe an award had been presented or a dinner given to honor him, I thought, but there was no newspaper morgue to look up past mentions. City Hall was even less help. Not only did they have no idea where to find him but they couldn't show me the census list they had, which listed residents in the area. I would have to go downtown to the City Election Department and request permission to look at their copy. They gave me the names and telephone numbers of several homes for the elderly around Brighton. The policeman on horseback wasn't any help, either. He couldn't recognize the picture of Wilson that I showed him. "Ugly looking guy, isn't he?" the policeman said.

My last solid chance was the police station. The desk sergeant knew nothing and pointed me to the detective's office down the hall. The front entrance to the station had the hollow feeling and pale walls of an old town hall, but the detective room looked like something out of the movies: crowded and cluttered with desks and papers, old typewriters clattering away, a room full of balding, rumpled detectives slumped over wooden desks or leaning back in their chairs with a telephone cradled on their shoulder.

Sergeant Lynch listened to my problem and suddenly brightened up. "I've got just the man for you to see," he said. "His name is Manny Aronis and he knows all the old-time fighters."

I told him it was a good idea but that I'd already talked to Aronis and he didn't know where to find Wilson. "You see, none of the old fighters know where to find this guy," I said.

"So, you know Manny," Lynch said. "He's got quite a place out there in Hyde Park. . . . Pictures on the wall . . . it's like a museum."

We talked about old fighters for a moment and then the sergeant paused and thought. "Hey Charlie, bring me the street address book," he told his assistant. Both of them went down the list, eliminating each "Wilson," guessing where each street and neighborhood was located until they had reached the last name. The sergeant contemplated his next move for a moment and then turned to me and said, "You got his phone number, right?" I nodded. Then, in that brash movie-detective style, he turned to his assistant and said, "Look up our contact at the phone company. Tell them this is for a criminal investigation and we'll send them the official request in writing later on."

The assistant detective located the appropriate contact at the phone company and found out that he was "in the field" for the day. The detective left a message that it was urgent he call back. Then he told me that I might have to wait a few days for the number. Meanwhile, the other detectives in the room had taken an interest in the search and wanted to know what I was working on.

"Say, Paul Pender is a good friend of mine. You ever meet him?"

As it happened, I knew the former middleweight champ pretty well. "In fact," I added, "I just saw him again about two weeks ago."

"You ever done anything on Sam Langford?" asked a paunchy detective seated on the far side of the room. "Poor old guy, never received the recognition that he deserved 'cause he was black. Even Dempsey admitted he was afraid to fight him. I used to see him when he lived in this crummy rooming house near Scully Square that charged 25 cents a night. He was blind by then."

In the nearby corner, the detective was back on the phone. Within minutes he had Wilson's address in front of him. "It's a rough neighborhood. You don't want to go there by yourself," he said to me. "Wait a minute, maybe I can arrange an escort for you."

The next minute I was on the phone to a cop who not only knew the project where Wilson lived, but also knew Wilson and his daughter, who lived closeby.

Johnny Wilson's daughter was in curlers when she met me at her door. By this time, I was getting good at explaining my quest, but it was different standing on the threshold of success. She invited me into her living room and told me about "life with Dad."

"He's 86 years old now," she explained. "He's great at remembering about the past, but take something five minutes ago . . ." She shrugged. "He still has the same routine as always. It starts at 11 o'clock—he goes out for the paper then—but he doesn't read it 'til the evening. He still wants to take a walk to the corner four times a night. That's his routine; that's what they used to do every night when he lived in New York. But he lives in a dangerous neighborhood now."

"We're trying to get him transferred to a nursing home," the cop on the phone had told me earlier. "Two kids jumped him and he beat up one of them. He's still a fighter."

They say the first thing to give out on a fighter are his legs. But Wilson outlasted me. He slipped every punch I threw and he had every right to do it. His daughter was as helpful as she could be, but my dream of interviewing the oldest surviving champion fizzled when no date ever materialized. And lately, according to her letter, life with Dad has gone downhill.

The lesson I have learned in all this chasing is that old men, especially old fighters, deserve to be left in peace. It is probably what I will want, when and if I am lucky enough to reach that age.

# RED ALL OVER

**RED SMITH**

## *JOE LOUIS THE DAY AN OLD MAN'S DREAM AND COMEBACK ENDED*

JOE LOUIS LAY ON HIS STOMACH ON A rubbing table with his right ear pillowed on a folded towel, his left hand in a bucket of ice on the floor. A handler massaged his left ear with ice. Joe still wore his old dressing gown of blue and red—for the first time, one was aware of how the colors had faded—and a raincoat had been spread on top of that.

This was an hour before midnight of Oct. 26, 1951. It was the evening of a day that dawned July 4, 1934, when Joe Louis became a professional fist fighter and knocked out Jack Kracken in Chicago for a $50 purse. The night was a long time on the way, but it had to come.

Ordinarily, small space is reserved here for sentimentality about professional fighters. For seventeen years, three months and twenty-two days, Louis fought for money. He collected millions. Now the punch that was launched seventeen years ago had landed. A young man, Rocky Marciano, had knocked the old man out. The story was ended. That was all except—

Well, except that this time he was lying down in his dressing room in the catacombs of Madison Square Garden. Memory retains scores of pictures of Joe in his dressing room, always sitting up, relaxed, answering questions in his slow, thoughtful way. This time only, he was down.

His face was squashed against the padding of the rubbing table, muffling his words. Newspaper men had to kneel on the floor like supplicants in a tight little semi-circle and bring their heads close to his lips to hear him. They heard him say that Marciano was a good puncher, that the best man had won, that he wouldn't know until Monday whether this had been his last fight.

He said he never lost consciousness when Marciano knocked him through the ropes and Ruby Goldstein, the referee, stopped the fight. He said that if he'd fallen in mid-ring he might have got up inside ten seconds, but he doubted that he could have got back through the ropes in time.

They asked whether Marciano punched harder than Max Schmeling did fifteen years ago, on the only other night when Louis was stopped.

"This kid," Joe said, "knocked me out with what? Two punches. Schmeling knocked me out with—musta been a hundred punches."

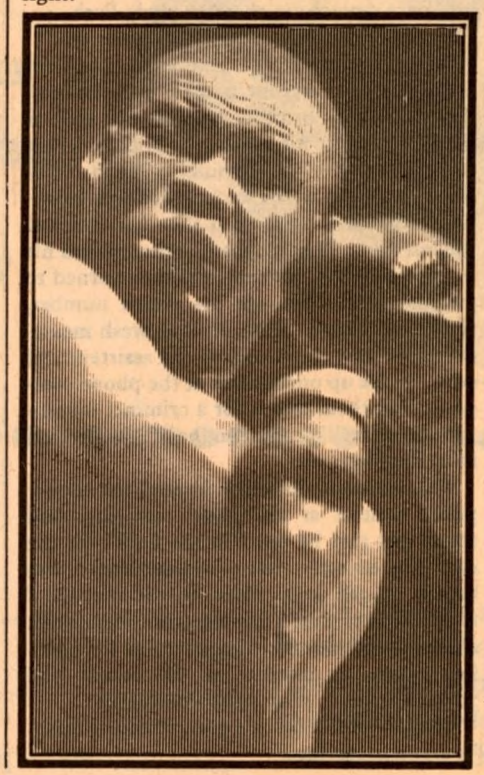
"But," Joe said, "I was twenty-two years old. You can take more then than later on."

"Did age count tonight, Joe?"

Joe's eyes got sleepy. "Ugh," he said, and bobbed his head.

The fight mob was filling the room. "How did you feel tonight?" Ezzard Charles was asked. Joe Louis was the hero of Charles' boyhood. Ezzard never wanted to fight Joe but finally he did and won. Then and thereafter, Louis became just another opponent who sometimes disparaged Charles as a champion.

"Uh," Charles said, hesitating, "Good fight."



"You didn't feel sorry, Ezzard?"

"No," he said, with a kind of apologetic smile which explained this was just a prize fight in which one man knocked out an opponent.

"How did you feel?" Ray Arcel was asked. For years and years Arcel trained opponents for Joe and tried to help them whip Louis and in a decade and a half he dug tons of inert meat out of the resin.

"I felt very bad," Ray said.

It wasn't necessary to ask how Marciano felt. He is young and strong and undefeated. He is rather clumsy and probably always will be because he has had the finest of teachers, Charley Goldman, and Charley hasn't been able to teach him skill. But he can punch. He can take a punch. It is difficult to see how he can be stopped this side of the heavyweight championship.

It is easy to say and it will be said that it wouldn't have been like this with the Louis of ten years ago. It isn't a surpassingly bright thing to say, though, because this isn't ten years ago. The Joe Louis of Oct. 26, 1951, couldn't whip Rocky Marciano, and that's the only Joe Louis there was in the Garden.

That one was going to lose on points in a dreary fight that would have left everything at loose ends. It would have been a clear victory of Marciano but not conclusive. Joe might not have been convinced.

Then Rocky hit Joe a left hook and knocked him down. Then Rocky hit him another hook and knocked him out. A right to the neck followed that knocked him out of the ring. And out of the fight business. The last wasn't necessary, but it was neat. It wrapped the package, neat and tidy.

An old man's dream ended. A young man's vision of the future opened wide. Young men have visions, old men have dreams. But the place for old men to dream is beside the fire.

*ED NOTE: THE RECENT PASSING OF Red Smith stilled one of boxing's great voices. But even though his typewriter has become quiet, his voice will continue to run each month in* The Ring *as a tribute to the man. And his words. Without sounding presumptious and saying "Red would have wanted it that way," because we will never know, we do know his fans and readers will want to read the words and thoughts of this sports writing great each and every month.*

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